



Budget 2009-10

Investing in Jobs

WESTERN SYDNEY

Investing in a better future for Western Sydney

Western Sydney Minister David Borger today said that more than \$8.5 billion will be invested in Western Sydney as part of the NSW Government's 2009-10 Budget.

Mr Borger said public transport, education, roads, social housing and a record budget in health made up most of the massive investment in the region.

"We are investing record amounts in infrastructure in Western Sydney to support jobs and to build a better future for the people of the west," Mr Borger said.

Mr Borger said this year's Budget for Western Sydney included:

- A record \$2.374 billion investment in health which means more doctors and nurses, expanded community health services and further reductions in elective surgery times
- \$514.9 million to care for older people, people with a disability, their families and carers
- A record \$410 million for new and upgraded roads in the region and on road safety
- \$171 million to build commuter car parks, 17 of which are in Western Sydney, \$8 million over two years to operate a commuter ferry service between Parramatta and the CBD and \$36.5 million towards the purchase of 87 growth buses for West, South West and North West Sydney
- A \$336 million investment on energy infrastructure
- \$250 million to protect the region's water supply and improve water infrastructure;
- \$218 million on new social housing for the elderly, people with a disability and the homeless
- Over \$45 million to upgrade local schools and TAFEs
- More than \$32 million to build more police stations across the region
- \$2.3 million for 18 new bushfire tankers to protect the community.

"Western Sydney is one of the fastest growing areas in the country with over two million people living here," Mr Borger said.

"In the current economic climate this Budget is designed to both protect jobs and improve infrastructure.

"Communities across the region from Mt Druitt to Auburn, Emu Plains to Quakers Hill and Warwick Farm to Windsor will all soon see this investment at work in their local suburbs and cities with new buses, better roads and schools, new social housing homes and better health services.

"This Budget is a massive investment in the future growth of Western Sydney."

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