

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Investing in Western Sydney water, sewer and recycling**

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More than \$250 million will be spent directly in Western Sydney on capital works projects under the water portfolio, supporting 270 jobs through recycling projects alone, Water Minister Phil Costa said today.

Mr Costa said \$95.8 million would be spent on recycled water projects including:

- \$71.5 million on the Replacement Flows project, part of the Western Sydney Recycling Initiative, to progress construction on major pipelines and the advanced water treatment plant at St Marys.
- \$24.3 million on construction of recycled water assets including in the first release precincts of the North West Sector Development and the residential and industrial recycling scheme at Hoxton Park.

“Recycling is a major part of the plan to secure Sydney’s water supply,” said Mr Costa.

“Delivering massive recycling projects for business and industry users in Western Sydney takes the pressure off the drinking supply making every drop in our dams go further.”

Mr Costa also said \$104.8 million would be spent across Western Sydney for priority sewerage programs to protect the environment and local waterways and reduce risks to public health.

Projects include:

- \$47 million for the Freemans Reach, Glossodia and Wilberforce Sewerage Scheme
- \$28.4 million for Hawkesbury Heights and Yellow Rock Sewerage Program.
- \$18 million for the \$42 million Agnes Banks and Londonderry Sewerage Scheme.
- \$11.4 million for the Blue Mountains Sewerage Scheme which provides sewerage services to Mount Victoria, Blackheath and Medlow Bath

“This is a major investment in Western Sydney to improve the transport and treatment of wastewater,” said the Minister.

Mr Costa also said a further \$53 million will be spent on extending its systems to cater for population growth in Western Sydney.

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“This includes \$47 million to progress construction on the first release precincts of the North West Sector Development and \$6 million for the South West Growth Centre,” he said.

Mr Costa said Western Sydney would also benefit with a share in more than \$200 million worth of network upgrades across the Sydney Water service area.

“The NSW Government is continuing to invest to ensure a more reliable system, including leak reduction,” he added.

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