

*An Employment Development Strategy is being prepared for the project*



A range of employment opportunities for all residents will be provided

An Employment Development Strategy is being prepared for the total project, and will be submitted along with the Precinct Plan for the Eastern Village.

This strategy will be reviewed by a committee comprising representatives from the NSW Government, the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board, Blacktown and Penrith Councils, NSW Tourism and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Our goal is to create approximately 5,000 employment opportunities for the region. This target roughly equates to one job for every resident worker on the site.

In addition there will be approximately 8600 jobs created during construction and development.

Attracting business, industry, home-based businesses, and community service infrastructure, such as schools and retail, will generate ongoing jobs on site. The wider region will benefit as a result of the demand for products and services arising from the development and the new residents.

## Opportunities

There are many providers of employment, education, training and business support services in the surrounding region who are supportive of the opportunity for local employment and business growth provided by the project.

Initiatives being considered as part of the Employment Development Strategy include:

- establishing a business support centre;
- working with relevant agencies to develop training initiatives, such as traineeships, apprenticeships and group training companies to address any local skills gaps and to build on strengths;
- encouragement of start-up companies in incubator environments, serviced offices and home-based businesses;
- establishing partnerships with schools, TAFE and the University of Western Sydney to use the site for employment experience, delivery of coursework and research; and
- developing a strategy to incorporate broadband information and communication technology which encourages technology-based businesses.

To develop the employment strategy and relevant training opportunities for locals groups we are consulting with include:

- Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board
- Department of State and Regional Development
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Penrith and Blacktown City Councils
- Western Sydney Institute of TAFE
- University of Western Sydney
- Growing Regional Opportunities for Work (GROW)
- Dunheved Business Park
- Schools/industry partnerships
- SkillsWest
- Aboriginal Groups
- Wesley Mission
- Business Enterprise Centres
- Employment Service Providers



Training will be an important feature of the employment strategy



Over 8,000 construction and development jobs will be created