

Media Release

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Delfin Lend Lease will next week begin the consultation phase for the innovative Skilling and Employment Centre, to be developed along with the new St Marys community on the former ADI site.

The consultation will include focus groups and individual briefings and meetings with local employment service and training providers, representatives from local council and State Government, business and industry groups and apprenticeship and training centres.

St Marys Project Director Arthur Ilias said that the project team would be working closely with the Hornery Institute, who will be coordinating the consultation and preparing the business plan for the Skilling and Employment Centre.

"This is one of the first of many steps we will be taking throughout the life of the project to achieve our target of over 5,000 ongoing jobs, as well as the creation of training and skilling opportunities for the local community," Mr Ilias said.

"We view the Skilling and Employment Centre as one of the most important features of the new community because of its role in helping to coordinate job opportunities, employment applications and skills training services for the people of western Sydney," he said.

"An additional 8,600 jobs will also be created during the 12 year development cycle of the project."

The 1,545-hectare St Marys development will eventually include up to 5,000 homes contained within three distinct villages surrounded by the Regional Park and generate approximately 5,000 ongoing jobs for local residents – this equates to job for every home built.

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