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Jobs Strategy for St Marys Site Targets One Job for Every Home

Developers of the former ADI site at St Marys are working with employers, employment groups, education and training providers and government to establish an economic strategy to create 5,000 on-going jobs for local residents.

Four separate parcels of employment lands, including a section adjacent to the existing Dunheved industrial lands, will be developed within the project, attracting a mix of light industry, commercial centres and service-based industries. In addition, the development will aim to provide an environment to attract home-based businesses.

Project director Joe Gorman said Delfin Lend Lease, the development manager for the site, was developing the employment strategy in conjunction with local councils, the State Government, business groups, employment service providers, schools and tertiary institutions.

"Our target of 5,000 jobs roughly equates to one job for every home built, or one job for every resident worker on the site. In addition, several thousand jobs will be generated in construction and development during the project life.

"But the employment development strategy goes beyond just jobs; it will be designed to provide opportunities for local people to access appropriate training to gain employment in the industries we will be attracting.

"We have already commissioned a study to determine the existing skills base, training needs and business support systems that will benefit the local region."

Mr Gorman said that creating jobs, education and training for residents and local people from surrounding areas, was one of the key platforms for creating a responsible and sustainable community.

"We are working on the development of partnerships with training providers, schools, universities and employers to also provide scholarships, traineeships and apprenticeships for local residents," he said.

"The Economic Development Managers of both Penrith and Blacktown City Councils and the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board are examples of a number of groups which have provided great input so far into creating a workable and realistic economic strategy, and we will continue to consult with local and State governments, as well as the community to get it right."

The eastern precinct will consist of up to 1,900 homes out of the approximately 5,000 homes proposed for the total site.

The St Marys site is being developed by project partners Delfin Lend Lease and ComLand. A draft Precinct Plan is currently being prepared by the project partners outlining a framework for the Eastern Village, including housing form, parks and recreation, transport and traffic measures, land uses, open space, street types, access points and sustainability measures to create a balanced new community.

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