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GREATER MACARTHUR GROWTH AREA GETS TICK OF APPROVAL

Sydney's Greater Macarthur area will deliver up to 40,000 jobs and 58,000 new homes over the next 20 years, thanks to the NSW Government formally declaring the region as a growth area.

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes said the declaration means Greater Macarthur is one step closer to realising its vision of becoming a new and vibrant metropolitan region in South West Sydney.

"This is the next stage of a plan to transform South West Sydney from a series of commuter suburbs to a coherent centre full of jobs, culture, public spaces, green and open areas," Mr Stokes said.

"This formally recognises the guiding principles for how we develop the area in the future and ensures we deliver infrastructure like transport, utilities and parks alongside new jobs and homes."

The growth area includes 12 precincts stretching from Macarthur to Appin, with different types of housing to be built around seven train stations.

The announcement comes as the Government releases community responses to an interim plan for the area, including how infrastructure will be funded.

In response to community feedback, the Department will continue to work with State agencies and local councils to refine an infrastructure funding plan which will be publicly exhibited for further consultation.

Greater Macarthur is home to some of Sydney's most precious flora and fauna and the region's environment and biodiversity will be protected through a range of measures, including the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan.

"Importantly, koala preservation has been addressed with land east of the Appin Road being reserved to protect our regionally significant koala corridor along the Georges River," Mr Stokes said.

A panel of State agencies and Councils will now be established to make decisions on when land will be rezoned.

Further information and community feedback can be found here: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/greatermacarthur>

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