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Western Sydney Planning Partnership
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Dear Western Sydney Planning Partnership,

I write in response to a call for feedback on the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important document.

The development of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis is an exciting development for Sydney and greater NSW. It presents many opportunities for industry, commerce and infrastructure.

As the Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, I stress that it presents also an exciting opportunity for social infrastructure in the state. In particular, the development of the Aerotropolis is an opportunity to address a growing homelessness crisis and to build a city in a way that prevents future crises.

Homelessness in NSW

Homelessness is a growing and ongoing issue in the NSW community. The number of people who are homeless increased 37% from 2011 to 2016 from 27,479 to 37,715.

There has been alarming growth in homelessness across vulnerable groups in society:

- a) Children and young people aged 24 and younger represent half of those accessing specialist homelessness services
- b) One third of those presenting to SHS experienced domestic or family violence
- c) There has been 88 per cent growth in women over 55 accessing homelessness services from 2013/14 to 2016/17

This growth in homelessness is resulting in significant economic and social consequences. Those impacted by homelessness disproportionately require health, community and welfare services. Modelling from Pricewatercoopers finds around \$11,000 per annum per person can be saved where an individual is transitioned to housing.

Importantly for the planning of the Aerotropolis, homelessness is rising quickly in the Western Sydney region. Analysis of the growth in homelessness in state electorates between 2011 and 2016 finds 76.3% growth in the surrounding electorate of Mulgoa. This is among the highest growth of homelessness in NSW.





Greater Western Sydney is increasingly experiencing significant growth in homelessness. The electorates of Auburn, Lakemba and Cabramatta all featured in the top five electorates experiencing the highest percentage increase in homelessness.

Social and affordable housing

The prevention of – and solution to – homelessness rests in housing. Domestic and global evidence confirms that there is no substitute for access to housing. Shelter is well recognised as a human right in Australia and abroad.

This housing need is increasingly not met throughout NSW. As of 2019, there are over 50,000 people on the social housing waiting list. Some 4,500 of these are in the priority category comprising rough sleepers, those fleeing family and domestic violence and people with disability.

Every year specialist homelessness services support some 54,000 people across the state. Recent Productivity Commission data shows every day almost half (45.2 per cent) of those needing homelessness accommodation are turned away in NSW.

There is an emerging need for social housing in the Greater Western Sydney Region. Analysis by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute found South West Sydney would require around 10,000 additional social housing dwellings from 2016 to 2036.

The Aerotropolis provides an opportunity to turn back this growing tide of homelessness as the city is built from the ground up. The Partnership should consider the following as its plan further developments:

- a) Mix of social and affordable housing developments
- b) Suitable numbers of social housing dwellings to meet future community needs and an existing shortage
- c) Inclusionary and affordable planning practices
- d) 'Meanwhile use' of vacant land to provide social and transitional housing
- e) Proximity to services, transport and other community infrastructure

Thank you for considering this feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Park MP
Member for Keira
Shadow Minister for Health
Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness
Shadow Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast

