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WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLANDS TO BE 'HOME' TO 8,800 JOBS

Environment Minister Robyn Parker today announced Western Sydney Parklands is on track to create 8,800 jobs for the people of Western Sydney.

The jobs will be created by proposed business hubs and the Wet 'n' Wild theme park, which is detailed in the draft supplement to the plan of management, which is now on public exhibition.

Ms Parker said independent forecasting has estimated the proposed business and tourism hubs would create 8,800 jobs in Western Sydney by 2030.

"This translates to an economic injection of \$2.2 billion, which is a phenomenal contribution for Western Sydney Parklands to make to the Western Sydney community," Ms Parker said.

"The draft plan proposes three business hubs to be located within each of the three Local Government Areas of Blacktown, Fairfield and Liverpool and shows the NSW Government is delivering on our commitment to support jobs and grow the economy.

"Thousands of western Sydney residents will no longer have to travel across Sydney to work or play and when complete, the Western Sydney Parklands will become the largest urban parklands system in Australia and one of the largest in the world.

Ms Parker said that two per cent of the Parklands have been allocated for the proposed business hubs after being identified as having the least ecological and recreation value.

"The revenue generated from the long-term leases on the sites, mostly located on the fringe of the Parklands adjacent to motorways and major arterial roads, will fund the remaining 98 per cent of the parklands," Ms Parker said.

"This funding will enable restoration and expansion of natural habitat throughout the parklands, and improvements to picnic areas and playgrounds, cycling and walking track networks and sporting facilities.

"In addition, the draft plan indicates the location of three new tourism hubs, one of which is Wet n Wild, which will open in December.

"The Parklands is also doubling the bushland it maintains to 2,000 hectares."

The draft plan is on public exhibition at www.westernsydneyarklands.com.au.