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CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON WESTERN SYDNEY'S SUPER PARK

Environment Minister Rob Stokes today announced work will begin this week to create a 200 hectare \$14 million 'super park' at Bungaribee, bordering Blacktown, Doonside and Eastern Creek.

Rob Stokes today released the plan for the park, with the final design elements to be developed in consultation with the community and Blacktown City Council.

"When complete, Western Sydney will have a park to rival New York's Central Park and Sydney's Centennial Park," Rob Stokes said.

"The park will be home to a regional play and recreational area, a bushland corridor, and an outdoor event and entertainment space.

"During community consultation, residents were asked for their design ideas and priority for delivery of the Super Park's infrastructure, and safe vehicular access, parking and more walking and cycling tracks topped the list.

"The construction of preliminary works including the walking and cycling loop and planting of the bushland corridor will begin this week.

"The population of Western Sydney is set to top three million in coming years, and with this growth comes the need for more locally based leisure, environmental, recreational and large scale tourist attractions.

"Western Sydney Parklands, with Bungaribee Super Park now starting to take shape, will be at the centre of providing these facilities for the local families.

"Construction of the entry at the intersection of Doonside Road and Holbeche Road will begin in September. These works will also include internal roads and parking."

Western Sydney Parklands has also initiated an Expression of Interest process for a Tourism Facility to be built within the Bungaribee Super Park.

Director of Western Sydney Parklands, Suellen Fitzgerald says "20 hectares of the Super Park has been set aside for a tourism attraction. The type of tourism infrastructure that could suit the site includes a Zoo, an entertainment venue, live performance venue or concert amphitheatres."

"The successful bid is expected to be announced within the next 6 months," she said.

“Bungarribee Super Park is ideally located close to the Eastern Creek Lighthouse Interchange which is already home to established leisure and tourism developments such as Wet’n’Wild and the Sydney Motor Sports Park.”

The Bungarribee Super Park is expected to be complete by 2019.