

# Media Release



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## UDIA NSW welcomes latest announcement on Sydney Growth Centres

The Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW (UDIA NSW) has welcomed today's announcement by the NSW Government that planning work is underway to deliver new housing and employment land in the North West and South West Growth Centres of Sydney.

The announcement confirms that the Government will start discussion with Hills Shire and Blacktown Councils on the release of 1,600 hectares of land for new dwellings and employment land. The Government will also start work with Liverpool and Camden Councils to deliver 1,700 hectares of land for new houses. The land will be released in the Box Hill, Box Hill Industrial and Schofields precincts in the North West, and North Leppington and Austral precincts in the South West.

UDIA NSW Chief Executive Stephen Albin said, "it's a good first step. We hope the Government's discussions with Councils proceed quickly so the Government can focus on speedier rezonings and providing critical infrastructure to support the release of this land."

Mr Albin said, "the timely release of new land in Sydney's Growth Centres is vital to meeting the housing requirements of Sydney's growing population and the Government's own housing projections under the Metropolitan Strategy."

"NSW still lags Queensland and Victoria in the delivery of new homes", said Mr Albin.

"Victoria is approving almost double the amount of new homes per month compared to NSW while Queensland is producing almost 10% more than NSW per month."

Mr Albin said, "while UDIA NSW welcomes the Government's commitment to releasing new land in these precincts the rezoning process is currently subject to excessively long time frames."

"UDIA NSW calls on the NSW Government to meet its commitments for the timely rezoning and release of strategically and economically significant land, but to also take the next step and commit to the delivery of key social and transport infrastructure essential for the future residents of these precincts."

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