



Smart Cities Plan

WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL

CONNECTIVITY

A successful Western City is one where residents can live, work, study, and access services locally. Sydney will be connected by world-class road, rail, aviation and digital infrastructure.

A commitment to a North-South Rail Link to unlock growth in the Western City

The Australian and NSW Governments commit to deliver the first stage of the **North-South Rail Link** from St Marys to Western Sydney Airport and the Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis, with a joint objective of rail to Airport by its scheduled opening in 2026. The Australian and NSW Governments will be equal partners in funding the first stage of the North-South Rail Link.

North-South rail will create the spine of the Western Parkland City and play a vital role in bringing people closer to job opportunities, health, education and leisure activities. New train stations will support development of higher density housing with great transport access, meaning shorter travel times, less reliance on cars and less congestion on roads.

As a first step, the Australian and NSW Governments will each contribute up to \$50 million towards a **business case process** for Western Sydney Rail, in consultation with local government. This will include investigation of integrated transport and delivery options for a full North-South Rail Link from Schofields to Macarthur and a South West Rail Link to connect Leppington to the Western Sydney Airport via an interchange at the Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis. Joint market engagement will test private sector interest in station development and innovative funding.

Rapid Bus Services connecting metropolitan areas

The NSW Government will establish **rapid bus services** from the metropolitan centres of Penrith, Liverpool and Campbelltown to Western Sydney Airport before it opens, and to the Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis. Improved connectivity within the Western Parkland City will underpin sustainable and resilient growth in the region.

KEY COMMITMENTS

- ❖ Deliver rail for the Western City
- ❖ Rapid bus services for the Western City
- ❖ A Western City Digital Action Plan
- ❖ A smart Western City Program
- ❖ A 5G strategy

Digital Economy and Innovation

Local governments will lead the development of a **Western City Digital Action Plan** in collaboration with the Australian and NSW Governments and industry partners. The Plan will be developed in 2018 and set out a vision for information and communication technologies in the Western City.

Smart infrastructure

The NSW Government will also deliver a **Smart Western City Program** to enable state government agencies to embed interoperable smart and secure technology – such as transport and utility monitoring systems – into new infrastructure as it is rolled out.

Trialing 5G mobile technology

The future rollout of 5G mobile technology will be a step-change for mobile wireless communications. This technology evolution will unlock new possibilities for the Western City, with far-reaching economic and social benefits.

The NSW and local governments will develop a **5G Strategy** for the Western Parkland City. This will include partnering with a telecommunications carrier to deliver a trial of 5G technology, with a view to rolling the technology to metropolitan centres as it becomes available.

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