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Werrington Park bringing knowledge jobs to the outer suburbs

“Today’s launch of the Werrington Park Corporate Centre in Penrith NSW showcases the innovation that is happening in the growing outer suburbs,” said Mayor Glenn Docherty, Chair of the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA).

Werrington Park will provide established and emerging businesses with state of the art office space and linkages to research and innovation.

“This outstanding project, funded by the Australian Government, as part of its *Suburban Jobs Program* and the University of Western Sydney (UWS), will generate jobs of the future for W. Sydney,” said Mayor Docherty.

“UWS and their partners, Penrith City Council and the Penrith Business Alliance are to be congratulated for brokering such an innovative project,” he said.

“The *Suburban Jobs Program* is an incredibly important initiative, with the Werrington Park Centre being one of three funded projects around Australia. We agree with the Hon Julie Bishop when she said (11/2) that just as Silicon Valley would not be what it is without Stanford Uni, so will UWS be the hub to ignite development and innovation.”

Werrington Park is the first step to establishing a 58-hectare Business Park Precinct for Greater Western Sydney. Over the next 20 years, the Precinct is expected to have the capacity to generate 6,000 ‘knowledge jobs of the future’ in areas such as health, engineering, digital communication and education, and, importantly, give people the opportunity to learn and work where they live.

“Our research shows that 1 million additional jobs will be needed in the growing outer suburbs of Australia by 2026 just to maintain the status quo. The *Suburban Jobs Program* recognises the opportunities in our areas for a win win solution. We have made a fantastic start. We now urge the Government to continue the Program beyond the initial three projects,” concluded Mayor Docherty.

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KEY FACTS

- Number of residents in NGAA areas (June 2013) 3.3 million
- NGAA areas grew at double the national rate 2006-11 3.2 per cent
- Forecast population in 2021 4.1 million
- NGAA areas absorbed one third, or twice their share, of Australia’s growth between 2006 -11
- Another 1m jobs are needed in NGAA areas by 2026 just to maintain the status quo.