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SHADOW CABINET BRINGS WESTERN SYDNEY'S VOICES TO THE FOREFRONT IN PENRITH

The NSW Opposition's Shadow Cabinet will today meet with key stakeholders across Western Sydney, including small businesses, faith-based organisations, community leaders, and local government representatives in Penrith—the territory of champions – at its Shadow Community Cabinet event.

The Leader of the Opposition Mark Speakman said Western Sydney is the engine room of aspiration in New South Wales, and Penrith is at its heart.

“When Western Sydney thrives, the rest of the state benefits. We are here to ensure the Penrith area gets the support it deserves, so families, businesses and communities can succeed,” Mr Speakman said.

The former Coalition Government recognised the importance of quality healthcare in Western Sydney, including investing \$1 billion in the Nepean Hospital redevelopment.

This vital investment delivered:

- A new cancer clinic providing life-saving treatments.
- Over 600 new parking spaces for easier access.
- A 14-storey hospital tower expanding critical care services.
- The Somerset Cottage Early Childhood Education and Care Centre.
- A modern pathology laboratory for faster, more reliable diagnoses.
- The Northern Road upgrade, a \$4.1 billion joint project between the Federal and State Governments, has also laid the foundation for major growth ahead of the new Western Sydney Airport.

Shadow Minister for Western Sydney Robyn Preston said projects like these wouldn't have happened under the Minns Labor Government, which is cutting health infrastructure spending by over a third by 2027-28.

“This government lacks the urgency to deliver for Western Sydney. That's why the Shadow Cabinet is here—to make sure the voices of Western Sydney are heard and acted upon,” Ms Preston said.

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