# INQUIRY INTO WESTERN SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK AND AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENTS

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## INTRODUCTION

Business Western Sydney (BWS) appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the NSW Legislative Council's parliamentary inquiry into the Sydney Science Park and Aerotropolis developments. As an advocate for economic growth and infrastructure development in Western Sydney, we strongly support the innovative vision and strategic planning behind these projects.

This submission outlines our endorsement of the Sydney Science Park concept and the Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airport line from St Marys to Bradfield. Additionally, we emphasise the critical need for future extensions to Tallawong and Macarthur to ensure comprehensive connectivity within the Western Parkland City.

We welcome the recent governance changes designed to speed up delivery of these important precincts, with the appointment of Infrastructure NSW's CEO Tom Gellibrand as Infrastructure Coordinator General and Ken Morrison as CEO of the Bradfield Development Authority.

We note that Celestino and Western Sydney University are members of Business Western Sydney.

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## **SUBMISSION**

#### SUPPORT FOR THE BRADFIELD CITY PLAN

Business Western Sydney (BWS) supports the Bradfield City Plan as an important initiative for the region. This plan has the potential to drive economic growth, create jobs, and improve the quality, especially in the Western Parkland City. The project's focus on green spaces, sustainable building practices, and state-of-the-art infrastructure will not only enhance the quality of life for residents but also establish Western Sydney as a leader in sustainable urban development.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK CONCEPT

BWS supports the concept for the Sydney Science Park. However, we also acknowledge the difficulties that have arisen with the arguably competing vision for Bradfield that came about after Celestino announced their plans for Luddenham.

The integration of residential, commercial, and industrial spaces within the Sydney Science Park aligns with our vision of a vibrant, sustainable community.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE SYDNEY METRO WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT LINE

Business Western Sydney supports the construction of the Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airpot line from St Marys to Bradfield. This important infrastructure project is essential for ensuring connectivity between the new Western Sydney International Airport, the Aerotropolis, and the broader region. Efficient and reliable transportation is fundamental to the success of the Sydney Science Park and Aerotropolis developments, facilitating the movement of people, goods, and services.

We do also note that it was a missed opportunity not to include a station at the Western Sydney University's Werrington campus. Considering the length of this line, the six stations along it's 23km corridor is comparatively few compared to any other Sydney rail line. Additionally, this section of the envisaged North South metro is a good start, but will never achieve its full potential until it extends into the North and South West.



#### FUTURE EXTENSIONS TO TALLAWONG, CAMPBELLTOWN AND LEPPINGTON

While the initial metro railway from St Marys to Bradfield is a crucial step forward, we advocate strongly for future extensions to Tallawong, Campbelltown and Leppington. Extending the metro network to these areas is vital for fully integrating the Western Parkland City with the Western Sydney International Airport. This expanded connectivity will provide residents and businesses with greater access to the opportunities arising from the new developments, ensuring that the benefits of these projects are distributed widely across the region.

Connecting Tallawong, Campbelltown and Leppington to the metro network will enhance the accessibility of key residential and commercial hubs, support population growth, and stimulate economic activity. It will also reduce congestion on existing transport networks, contributing to more sustainable and efficient urban mobility.

#### RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON ROAD FUNDING

Business Western Sydney welcomes the recent announcement from the NSW and Federal Governments regarding funding for critical road infrastructure around the Aerotropolis. This investment is a significant step toward improving accessibility and connectivity that will hopefully lead to private sector investment and economic activity. We urge continued investment in infrastructure projects that support the region's growth and development, particularly roads.

#### CONCLUSION

Bradfield city, the Sydney Science Park and Aerotropolis developments represent transformative opportunities for our region. Business Western Sydney is committed to supporting these initiatives and advocating for the necessary infrastructure to ensure their success. We believe that the original concept by Celestino and the Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airport from St Marys to Bradfield, along with future extensions to Tallawong and Campbelltown, will create a prosperous, connected, and sustainable future for Western Sydney.

We urge the NSW Legislative Council to consider the long-term benefits of these projects and to support the necessary investments and planning frameworks to realise their full potential. Thank you for considering our submission.