

Outlook Insights: Western Sydney Outlook

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Our Western Sydney Outlook brought industry leaders together to explore the exciting opportunities that transformational infrastructure projects will bring. Two years after the Property Council's pre-election debate in Western Sydney, The Hon Prue Car MP returned to the stage to announce a new digital pipeline for school infrastructure projects. Simon Hickey, CEO of Western Sydney Airport gave a look ahead to the Airport's launch. An expert panel then provided market intelligence and insights for the year ahead.



We're connecting the West to the West, and the West to the Rest.

Simon Hickey,
Western Sydney Airport

Our speakers



I-r: Simon Hickey (Sydney Airport); Ross Grove (Property Council of Australia); Andrew Simons (Charter Hall Group); Julie Scott (Liverpool City Council); David Hoy (Urbis); Katie Stevenson (Property Council of Australia).



The Hon. Prue Car MP, Deputy Premier of NSW, Minister for Education and Minister for Western Sydney

Next steps

- **Connectivity is key:** Transport connections to Liverpool, Leppington and Parramatta will be critical.
- **Selling the success story:** We all need to promote the opportunities and benefits of living and doing business in Western Sydney.
- **Planning review:** The upcoming review of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Master Plan should go beyond the airport plan and align with broader precinct and infrastructure needs.

Insights

- Western Sydney communities are expanding rapidly, with 25 years of projected growth achieved in just 7 years. Schools, community spaces and local services are critical to make these communities great.
- With its 24-hour freight operations, Western Sydney International Airport could eventually process 1.8 million tonnes of air cargo each year, four times more than Sydney Airport's current capacity.
- Automation and advanced manufacturing will be the key drivers of employment around Western Sydney International Airport. This will promote growth in high-skilled, automated jobs but there will still be a need for both white- and blue-collar workers.
- Western Sydney has major strengths in attracting capital, but land costs, planning delays and infrastructure funding gaps risk driving investment to other locations.

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