

MEDIA RELEASE

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Jobs in Western Sydney will be delayed until Sewer and Roads are completed – some time after 2026 !

The New South Wales Government makes regular announcements about jobs, investment and opportunities for business. This week's announcement relates to Kemps Creek and the creation of 17,000 jobs in a commercial industry hub.

But what these announcements don't tell you is that none of these jobs will happen for years because they have to wait for the NSW Government to deliver the necessary infrastructure.

Urban Taskforce members have clients waiting to move in and set up new employment centres right now. But now we find that these jobs are all years away because we have to wait for Government agencies to complete the infrastructure.

Minister Stokes' new portfolio area, TfNSW, tells the real story of delays in the delivery of critical infrastructure.

A Transport for NSW "***M12 Motorway community update***" in November states very clearly that the Mamre Rd connection between the M4 and Erskine Park Road will not be completed until 2025. Worse still, this is not the area where the Mamre Rd employment precinct is located. The employment land in the Mamre Rd precinct is located south of Erskine Park Rd between there and Elizabeth Drive. There are no plans available for when this stretch of Mamre Road will be upgraded.

The upgrade of Elizabeth Drive, which is critical to both the Kemps Creek and the Mamre Rd precincts, is even further behind. TfNSW do not anticipate completing even a "concept road design" until mid-2022. That will then go through a round of public exhibition and community consultation. The Upgrade to Elizabeth Drive will not be commenced or completed for years. No jobs can be provided without these upgrades.

Sydney Water notified landowners and developers in October 2021 that in both the Kemps Creek and Mamre Road industrial precincts, they have **no plans to service this area with the required trunk sewerage for 5 years (until at least 2026 or beyond)**. They also make it clear that development can not occur without this infrastructure being in place.

The Government is pumping out the media releases, but not the sewerage!

The public of Western Sydney are being spun a line on jobs in Western Sydney. Industry is ready, willing and able to go – but we are all waiting on the NSW Government to deliver the infrastructure.

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