



NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian delivers the State of the Region Address at Rosehill Gardens. Picture: AAP/Dan Himbrechts

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NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian touts Badgerys Creek airport

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NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has told how the western Sydney economy will be transformed by the Badgerys Creek airport, and foreshadowed plans to boost visitors to the region, while addressing business leaders at Rosehill today.

Ms Berejiklian touted the government's transport projects and economic record, and what is to come, during her address to the Western Sydney Business Connection.

The Western Sydney Airport, due in 2026, was foremost in her thoughts.

"It's no exaggeration to say the Western Sydney Airport is one of the biggest economic game-changers our state has ever seen," she said.



NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian. Picture: AAP/Justin Sanson

"Badgerys Creek will be much more than just another airport.

"It will be an aerotropolis that generates investment, innovation, housing and potentially up to 100,000 jobs over the next few decades."

The federal government has invested up to \$5.3 billion to build the airport.

The state government is tasked with creating the precinct around it.

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📷 Urban Infrastructure Minister Paul Fletcher at the airport site at Badgerys Creek in May. Picture: Renee Nowytarger

This will be a boon for business, according to Ms Berejiklian.

“It’s a place where business will be able to employ the tradespeople and scientists of the future, and that’s really exciting,” she said.

The Premier also wants more people to visit western Sydney.

The visitor economy generated \$4 billion per year for the region, she said, but needed to play a bigger role.

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The government will announce a Western Sydney Visitor Economic Action Plan tomorrow.

This will better co-ordinate tourism promotion between the government and councils.

“I’m confident this will help western Sydney capture a much greater share of the 30 million visitors who spend time in NSW each year,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The Western Sydney Business Chamber and Western Sydney Business Connection organisations will receive funding for tourism projects as part of this.

The Connection convened today’s gathering at Rosehill Gardens.

