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INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM TAKES AEROTROPOLIS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

All of the foundation partners committed to a presence in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis have come together for the first time to share their vision for the new Western Parkland City, which will be the catalyst for creating 200,000 jobs.

The 18 companies, which specialise in areas across aerospace, defence, manufacturing, healthcare, agribusiness and education, have gathered for the Western City & Aerotropolis Authority's Industry Symposium in Warwick Farm.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the Symposium would support continuing discussions between government and industry, which has been picking up pace in recent months.

"Planning and delivering the infrastructure, systems, technologies and places to enable a true smart city requires a different way of thinking, which is why we are working closely with industry to make sure we get this right," Mr Ayres said.

"Companies from across Australia and the world recognise the incredible opportunity we have to drive real economic growth, which is why we have 18 industry leaders now committed to Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to design, deliver and develop the Aerotropolis.

"Internationally companies are looking to Western Sydney to invest which is why Hitachi have signed on to be the first tenant in the Aerotropolis and Siemens have committed to provide UTS with technology which will help train 25,000 university students with the skills they will need to work in the Aerotropolis."

The foundation partners were joined by representatives from across state and local governments all committed to work together to ensure investment, quality education, jobs, lifestyles and a successful future for the Western Parkland City.

The Western City & Aerotropolis Authority's Strategy, *'Delivering for the Western Parkland City'*, was also released at the Symposium to outline the focus areas for the Authority as it continues to lead the delivery of the Aerotropolis and attract industry investment.

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Video: Delivering the Western Parkland City:

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List of foundation partners:

- May 2017 – Global defence and aerospace company Northrop Grumman announced plans for a \$50 million investment in an advanced defence electronics maintenance and sustainment centre.
- September 2018 – Vice chancellors from the University of Newcastle, University of NSW and University of Wollongong (the NUW Alliance), and Western Sydney University signed on to deliver a world class higher education institution.
- October 2018 – Two of Japan’s biggest companies, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and the Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, agreed to promote investment opportunities in transport, logistics, healthcare, education and renewable energy as well as other commercial, residential and community developments.
- November 2018 – Sydney Markets sign on to establish a presence in the Aerotropolis to take advantage of agribusiness, freight and logistics opportunities that will develop over the next decade and beyond.
- November 2018 – Hitachi throws its support behind the Aerotropolis, offering its expertise in sectors ranging from energy, construction, water and railway systems to defence, digital systems and health technology.
- November 2018 – Vitex Pharmaceuticals announced plans to invest an initial \$10 million in a 10,000 square metre state-of-the-art pharmaceutical training and research facility which would support about 100 jobs and train up to 200 students at a time.
- November 2018 – Japan’s Urban Renaissance Agency (UR) signed on to offer its expertise to support development of the Aerotropolis and a world class urban environment for the Western Parkland City.
- December 2018 – Nineteen NSW space companies and supporting organisations sign on to develop a National Space Innovation Hub in Sydney that will grow space companies for later relocation to the Aerotropolis.
- December 2018 – The University of Sydney signed on to develop a new campus that will provide teaching and research facilities, a world leading research hub focused on high technology plant and animal disease diagnostics, major veterinary hospital and link to new student accommodation for about 5000 students.
- February 2019 – The NSW Government partnered with the Australian Space Agency to build space skills and workforce capability, and drive Australia’s space sector through the Aerotropolis.
- April 2019 – Samsung SDS signs on to foster the implementation of cutting-edge innovation in medical technology, by harnessing their experience and capability, as well as a view to optimising commercialisation opportunities through the codevelopment of local R&D.
- July 2019 – Suez Group, a worldwide leader in resource management, signs on to advise on innovations and technologies to optimise the sustainable management of resources at the Aerotropolis.
- August 2019 – BAE Systems Australia will work with the Authority to establish a Technology Hub in the Aerotropolis focused on research and development, grow capability in future technology, advanced manufacturing and quantum computing in the Aerotropolis.
- August 2019 – NSW is looking to emulate the successes of the industry-led Sheffield AMRC, which is globally considered the pre-eminent Advanced Manufacturing

Research Centre. This MOU will allow NSW to learn from AMRC in the development of an advanced manufacturing capability that supports global and small-to-medium companies at the Aerotropolis.

- August 2019 – Securing GE Additive will activate the Advanced Manufacturing & Research Precinct and help to transition the manufacturing industry in Western Sydney through the use of additive manufacturing (3D printing).
- August 2019 – NSW will benefit from DB Schenker's expertise in leading technology for a digitally enabled freight and logistics supply system and best-practice integration of air and land side logistics.
- December 2019 – NSW has partnered with Siemens. The partnership includes a hi-tech software grant to the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), to help train 25,000 students in the skills they will need to work within Australia's first 22nd Century City.