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Urban Taskforce welcomes Wilton water works

Stage 2 of the delivery of water and wastewater infrastructure for the Wilton community will provide long-awaited support for local housing supply, according to acting Urban Taskforce Australia CEO, Paul Waterhouse.

Today's announcement by Water Minister, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, heralds the investment in, and construction of, essential services that will open up much needed housing development in a growing region of Greater Sydney.

Urban Taskforce has long called for this sort of housing-enabling infrastructure to be delivered in Wilton, and Stage 1 helped to facilitate new homes and businesses in a strategic location.

The announcement of Stage 2, which will expand water, wastewater, and recycled water services in Wilton will provide the support needed to double housing in the area, adding the potential for 4,000 new dwellings, delivering up to 8,000 dwellings and businesses.

Greater Sydney's growth areas have a lot of potential, but opportunities will not eventuate if basic services are not available. Today's decision will open the door to desperately needed new housing and boost the development sector's ability to create affordable and accessible new homes.

Without that infrastructure, Wilton would be an undeveloped and overlooked region in South-Western Sydney. With it, the potential increases for new residents, new jobs, and strategically located logistics operations.

Minister Jackson is to be congratulated for securing this new stage and committing to the growth of the region. Now that the funding has been secured for Stage 2, Sydney Water needs to pull out all stops, so that the development sector can get on with housing the current and future residents of the region.

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