



HORNSBY COUNCIL SYDNEY WATER LAND PURCHASE IS OFFICIAL

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The Monthly Chronicle has been reporting on this since discovery of the plan by Hornsby Council to purchase Sydney Water Land at Westleigh back in early December last year.

Well now it's official, confirmed by Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water, Niall Blair.

"This is a great example of the NSW Government working with local government to deliver outcomes for communities when state-owned land is no longer needed," Blair said.

"In this case the best outcome was to see these 34 hectares converted into playing fields for local sporting groups to use – which could well be where some of the country's next sporting greats first make their mark."

Member for Hornsby, Matt Kean

joined Hornsby Shire Mayor, Steve Russell and the CFO of Sydney Water to inspect the \$21 Million site. Kean said that the sale of the land to Hornsby Shire Council will be of great benefit to the local community.

"This land was earmarked for development so today's announcement will ensure this land is preserved for our community forever," Kean said.

"I'm proud to have delivered for the people of Westleigh and will continue to protect the unique character and amenity of this special area."

Contracts for the sale were exchanged on 24 December 2015. The land will be subdivided to separate the parcel that is going to the Hornsby Shire Council and settlement is anticipated by May 2016.



LtoR Jim Mitchell Sydney Water CFO, Hornsby State MP Matt Kean, Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell