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WSLD Welcomes New Chair of Greater Sydney Commission

The Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue (WSLD) has welcomed the State Government's decision to appoint Lucy Turnbull as the Chair of the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC).

WSLD Chairman, Christopher Brown AM, said that Ms Turnbull through the Committee for Sydney, had been a long-time advocate for Western Sydney, with her experience and understanding of the region set to be a major asset for the GSC when it comes to planning its future growth.

"Lucy's appointment is one that the Dialogue has strongly advocated for and the Baird Government should be congratulated for recognising that this role requires a leader who is prepared to take a whole-of-Sydney approach to planning," Mr Brown said.

"Lucy has a well-documented track-record when it comes to strategic and sustainable planning outcomes and has long-argued that the key to unlocking the full potential of Sydney, lies in the growth cities of the West.

"The GSC being based in Parramatta reinforces this message, and will no doubt enhance its understanding of the key issues and projects impacting Western Sydney."

Mr Brown added that some of the issues that need to be on the GSC's agenda, include the need for north-south transport links, connecting Sydney's Innovation Corridor from the Hills through to Camden, integrated planning around major urban renewal sites such as the Olympic Corridor and the Badgery's Creek Enterprise Zone and a renewed focus on the development of the three River Cities of Parramatta, Liverpool and Penrith.

"The GSC is a long-overdue initiative and its approach, under the leadership of Lucy, is expected to deliver less red-tape, clearer governance, and better, more strategic planning outcomes that will benefit not just Western Sydney, but the entire city."

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