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# \$30b script to start Sydney's new heart



**EXCLUSIVE  
 EDWARD BOYD**  
 PARRAMATTA'S position  
 as the economic heart of Syd-  
 ney will be realised under a  
 phased development plan  
 announced by the Greater  
 Sydney Commission today.  
 The plan is the next step in  
 the three cities vision that  
 was announced by GSC chief  
 commissioner Lucy Turnbull  
 at The Bradfield Oration  
 three years ago.  
 The new proposal outlines  
 about \$30 billion worth of in-  
 frastructure the Parramatta  
 region will need over the next  
 20 years to help it grow into  
 Sydney's economic heart —  
 including new transport  
 routes, housing precincts,  
 parks, schools and hospitals.  
 The area — coined the  
 Greater Parramatta to Olymp-  
 ic Peninsula (GPOP) by the



commission — is already re-  
 ceiving about \$11.3 billion in  
 infrastructure investment, but  
 the GSC said this will need to  
 be tripled over the next two  
 decades if the "transforma-  
 tive" scenario for the region is  
 to be realised.  
 The report comes ahead of  
 the launch of The Daily Tele-  
 graph's Bradfield campaign  
 tomorrow — named after the  
 Harbour Bridge designer  
 John Bradfield — which cele-  
 brates visionary thinking for  
 future development in the  
 Sydney region.  
 There is already major

investment in the GPOP re-  
 gion, including \$2.4 billion for  
 Parramatta light rail, \$1 billion  
 for the Westmead  
 hospital redevelopment,  
 \$619 million for the new  
 Children's Hospital at West-  
 mead, \$645 million towards  
 the new Powerhouse precinct  
 and \$225 million for redevel-  
 opment at Arthur Phillip  
 High School and Parramatta  
 Primary School. A further  
 \$6.4 billion has also been  
 committed to Sydney  
 Metro West.  
 The GSC's "transfor-  
 mative" scenario  
 — which requires  
 some land use  
 changes around  
 the new metro  
 stations, a  
 light rail  
 line through  
 Ermington  
 and Olympic

Park, and improvements to  
 the T1 railway line from Gran-  
 ville to Strathfield — will add  
 105,000 jobs and 84,000 new  
 dwellings by 2040.  
 "A breakdown of the esti-  
 mated capital infrastructure  
 costs over 20 years ap-  
 portioned to GPOP for the  
 'transformative' scenario ...  
 these costs were estimated at  
 between \$20 billion and  
 \$30 billion," the GSC report  
 reads.  
 Ms Turnbull (pic-  
 tured) said the plan  
 builds on the GSC's  
 2016 idea for Sydney  
 to grow into three cit-  
 ies — the Eastern  
 Harbour City, the  
 Central Parra-  
 matta River City  
 and a Western  
 City in and  
 around the  
 new airport.



"We have done much  
 more detailed planning for  
 GPOP, it has been a two or  
 three-year project. The (three  
 cities vision) was the broad  
 outline and now we have  
 done the work for one of  
 the key areas within Greater  
 Sydney," she told The Daily  
 Telegraph.  
 Ms Turnbull said her or-  
 ganisation would seek com-  
 munity feedback on the  
 proposal until December 18  
 before it is presented to gov-  
 ernment for a response.  
 Minister for Western Syd-  
 ney Stuart Ayres said: "With  
 new businesses, universities  
 and transport solutions, there  
 are few more dynamic econ-  
 omic precincts in Australia  
 today than GPOP."  
**Starting tomorrow: What we  
 need to bring life to Sydney  
 and drive our international  
 city into the future.**

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