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WILLIAMS LANDING: Green light for first release of land

Wyndham City Council last night approved a planning permit for 592 residential lots at Williams Landing - a \$1.5 billion dollar residential and commercial development in Melbourne's western growth corridor – giving the green light for the first neighbourhood.

The Williams Landing masterplan incorporates a major transit oriented town centre surrounded by residential communities on the 275ha former RAAF Williams Airfield site.

Developer Cedar Woods', Victorian State Manager Nathan Blackburne said that the first release of land and the forthcoming commencement of construction is much anticipated in the region.

"We anticipate works commencement in May which will see the first residents moving into new homes by mid 2009," Mr Blackburne said.

On completion, Williams Landing will be home to 2000 households and to a major new urban centre to service Melbourne's west. Up to 5000 permanent jobs will be created and the centre will include shops, businesses, bulky goods retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues. The site has Major Activity Centre status under Melbourne 2030 and was given a Priority Development Zone by the Planning Minister.

"This is a remarkable new development for Melbourne and it is unique in the sense that it will provide residents with a major town centre, train station, bus terminal and direct freeway access within the development," he said.

Williams Landing is also Melbourne's newest suburb and brings broad scale benefits to the region, particularly in transport infrastructure improvements. Benefits will include:

- links to the State's new freeway interchange
- access to the proposed new rail station at Williams Landing
- access to a regional bus terminal and 500 space commuter carpark

Mr Blackburne believes Williams Landing will impact significantly on how people live in Melbourne's west.

"We are working very hard to develop a suburb where people can work, live and play which will provide a great alternative to other estates that simply provide housing," he said.

Williams Landing will showcase major State government initiatives, including *Melbourne 2030*, *Growing Victoria Together* and *Linking Victoria*.

Registrations of interest can be lodged with Cedar Woods on the Williams Landing website. The first stage of residential lots will be released for sale in mid-March, with demand expected to be high.