Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre

Planning update

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Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$8.6 billion in school infrastructure over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This builds on the more than \$9.1 billion invested in projects delivered since 2017, a program of \$17.7 billion in public education infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

New Environmental Educational Centre

A project to deliver Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre is in the design phase and is expected to include:

- relocation of the existing Environmental Education Centre operations to a new purpose-built facility near Castlereagh
- fit for purpose learning spaces for students visiting the centre from across the Sydney region, supporting syllabus implementation with fieldwork and inquiry learning in a real-world setting, and new staff facilities.

The new facility will be the only one of its kind in the growing area of Western Sydney and will include state of the art environmental design

Progress summary

- The site for the centre has been identified and consultants have been engaged to design the new facility.
- The planning application is being developed.

Next steps

- Finalisation of concept design including stakeholder approvals
- Planning application
- Procurement of manufacture and construction contractors

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