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SOD TURNED ON NEW AIRPORT PREMISES FOR POLICE

A new state of the art headquarters for the NSW Police Force's Aviation Support Branch will deliver brand new infrastructure to reduce crime and strengthen community safety.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott joined Commissioner Mick Fuller and Sydney Metro Airports CEO Lee de Winton to turn the first sod on the 2.5-hectare purpose-built facility at Bankstown Airport today.

NSW Police Force (NSWPF) will be the \$35 million centre's primary tenant, which will be funded by Sydney Metro Airports and will house five PolAir helicopters and three fixed wing aircraft.

Mr Perrottet said the NSW Government is investing \$34.7 million this year towards the upgrade of the Pol Air fleet.

"The NSW Liberals and Nationals will continue to assist police in keeping the community safe by supporting search and rescues, operations targeting crime, reconnaissance missions and counter terrorism operations," he said.

Mr Elliott welcomed the Sydney Metro Airports investment and said the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government would deliver the new helicopters to support police investigations.

"It is vital our police work with the best technologies to keep our communities safe. This centre will be state of the art and the Government will deliver new helicopters to operate out of the facility," he said.

Ms de Winton said Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is the proud home to the majority of the region's emergency air services.

"In an ongoing commitment to this we are pleased to start the construction of this new facility to support the service provided by Police Aviation Support Branch".

The centre is due to open in July 2020, and the first of three new helicopters will arrive in late 2020.