



Wacol industrial estate looks forward to 10,000 new jobs

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The first sod has been turned on a 58-hectare industrial development at Wacol, expected to create 10,000 new jobs in the area.

Metroplex Westgate business park in Wacol, midway between Brisbane and Ipswich central business districts, would open in December after the completion of a 15-hectare first stage of development.

Among the array of industries that could occupy the site are digital technologies, aviation, nanotechnology, bio-engineering and mining technology.

In total, the development will offer 250,000 square metres of floor space, including 8000 square metres of retail and commercial space.

"It is very significant on two fronts," Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said.

"Of great public benefit firstly, is the 10,000 jobs this site is expected to house over the coming period of time.

"This city is expected to see around 343,000 new jobs over next 10 years and this single site alone will see three per cent of these jobs."

Cr Quirk said retail and commercial space would include amenities such as a gymnasium, child care centre, and restaurants.

More than 19 hectares of public and open space is also planned.

"It will add to the green cover of the city, it will add to that vision to have 40 per cent of this city green space," he said.

Cr Quirk said the development, on the former Wacol Army Barracks site, would be a catalyst for existing business expansion, as well as new industrial development.

"Brisbane's western corridor is destined for massive development and population growth over the next 20 years and Metroplex Westgate will no doubt be a major driver of the economic progress for the region," he said.





"The fact it will support up to 10,000 workers is an indication of the significance of this project and if the award-winning Metroplex Gateway at Murarrie is a guide, Metroplex Westgate will be a resounding success."

"Greater Brisbane's economy has seen rapid expansion," Cr Quirk said.

"It's now estimated to be worth \$135 billion, which is almost half of Queensland's economic output."

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