Plastics recycling Parkes Special Activation Precinct





Location snapshot



Reach 80%

of Australia's population in 12 hours



Close to agricultural and renewable energy plastic waste



Two rail sidings



5-10% cost of industrial land compared to Sydney



Streamlined planning



New 140 MVA sub-station planned

The perfect location

Parkes is perfectly situated at the intersection of multi-modal transport infrastructure, enabling businesses to reach 80 percent of Australia's population within 12 hours. This strategic location makes Parkes the ideal precinct to aggregate plastic streams from across Australia.

Parkes is also well located to collect both agricultural plastic waste and the high level of plastic waste anticipated from the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), where \$5.2 billion of investment in renewable energy projects is projected.

Parkes Special Activation Precinct

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is a 4,800-hectare master-planned industrial estate. This Australian-first future UNIDO Eco-Industrial Park offers government-funded infrastructure, streamlined planning and business concierge support services-all designed to save on the cost and time associated with setting up a new business location.





About Parkes



2.5m tonnes

plastic waste Australia produces each year



70,000

Parkes workforce catchment



5hrs

by road west of Sydney

Significant opportunity

In 2020, the plastic collected from NSW alone was estimated at 803,000 tonnes, with Australia estimated to produce 2.5 million tonnes of plastic waste each year. At present, only 13 percent of this waste is recycled.

Since 2021, Australia has progressively banned the export of plastic waste, creating significant opportunities for the domestic plastic recycling industry. A target of 70 percent of plastic packaging being recycled or composted by 2025 has been set by the 2025 National Packaging Target.

Rail crossroads of Australia

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is strategically located at the only junction of Australia's two major transcontinental rail lines connecting Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne-reaching 80 percent of Australia's population in 12 hours. Direct road connectivity with heavy freight access, connects the precinct to major cities including Sydney and Canberra, in under five hours.

The nearby Parkes Regional Airport offers daily flights to Sydney, providing connectivity to Australian and global markets.

Workforce

Parkes has a workforce catchment of 70,000, with its central location enabling the region to draw workers from a wide area that includes the major regional cities of Orange and Dubbo. The region offers a specialised workforce, with nearly 10,000 technicians and trades workers employed across the catchment.

UNIDO Eco-Industrial Park

Parkes Special Activation Precinct is an Australian first, aligning to the UNIDO Eco Industrial Park framework. In doing so, businesses are supported to drive efficiency and productivity in operations and continuous improvement. Colocating with like minded businesses increases the opportunity for scaled solutions, collaboration and innovative partnerships.



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