





## Socio-Economic Environment

### Existing Environment

The Rosehill/Camellia precinct is predominately an industrial area within the Parramatta LGA. Census figures for the precinct define the area as including Clay Cliff Creek, Arthur Street, Tramway Avenue, James Ruse Drive and the Parramatta River in the north, the Duck River, Duck Creek and A'Beckett Creek in the south and Good Street, Prospect Street and Alfred Street in the west. Historically the area was used for farming with population kept to a minimum until the late 1800s. There was a population boom post 1945, and the population increased again between 1991 and 1996 and again between 2006 and 2011. These recent population increases are expected to be from the inclusion of new high and medium density dwellings in the area. As of the 2011 census, the current population was 2794 people and the population density was at 6.58 persons per hectare (ABS, 2011) with the majority of residents living between Good Street and James Ruse Drive.

Located to the east of James Ruse Drive, the site sits within the Camellia Industrial area; bound by James Ruse Drive, Grand Avenue, the Duck River and the Great Western Highway. Major commercial and industrial properties located in this area include Rosehill Racecourse, Shell Refining, Rosehill Helipad and Parramatta City Raceway.

Health Care and Social Assistance is the largest industry for employment within this area, at 10.3% (ABS, 2011), whilst manufacturing is the second highest, accounting for 9.1% of employment. As suburbs within the Parramatta LGA, Rosehill/Camellia only account for 1.6% of the total Parramatta LGA population. This small proportion is most likely as a result of the area being predominately commercial and industrial in nature.

The nearest residential area to the site is Rydalmere, approximately 230 m to the north east of the site and north of the Parramatta River. Rydalmere has a population density of 17.95 person per hectare and a total population of 6, 401 (ABS, 2011). 22.1% of the Rydalmere population work as professionals and Retail trade is the largest source of industry.

However, the CRC is expected to service a larger area than simply Rosehill/Camellia and Rydalmere, therefore it is also important to take into consideration the socio-economic profile of the entire Parramatta LGA.

### *Population profile in Parramatta LGA*

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the population of Parramatta LGA was 166, 856 in 2011 with a population growth of 12.49% since 2006.

### *Labour force participation*

Table 2-1 presents the labour force statistics of Parramatta LGA.

**Table 2-1 Parramatta LGA Labour Force characteristics**

	Parramatta LGA
Employed persons	74,144
Total labour force	79,687
Total population aged 15 – 64 yrs	135,299
<b>Labour Force participation rate</b>	<b>47.7%</b>

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2011

### ***Occupations and Industries***

Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade and Manufacturing are the highest employment industries in Parramatta LGA, accounting for 11.9%, 10.1% and 9.2% respectively of total jobs. Professionals, Clerical and Administrative workers, and technicians and trade workers also make up a significant proportion of employment within Parramatta LGA. These three categories account for over 55% of total employment in Parramatta LGA.

The high proportion of employment in the healthcare sector reflects the importance of the Westmead hospital complex in the north of Parramatta LGA.

### ***Community Facilities***

Community facilities found in close proximity to the site are identified in Table 2-2. The closest facility is Eric Primrose Reserve, which is located 160 m to the north of the site. The rest of the facilities are all located within the more residential areas of Rydalmere, Ermington and Rosehill. This is consistent with the sites location in an industrial area.

**Table 2-2 Community Facilities**

Facility	Name	Location	Distance from Site
School	Rydalmere Public School	397 Victoria Road, Rydalmere	509 m north of the site
	St Mary's Primary School	1 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere	809 m north west of the site
	Rosehill Primary School	45-57 Virginia Street, Rosehill	2.5 km south west of the site
	Community Schools Program	Unit 5, Lot 22, Betty Cuthbert Avenue, Ermington	1.1 km to the north east of the site
	Rydalmere East Primary School	45 Spurway Street, Ermington	1.3 km north east of the site
	Ermington Uniting Church Preschool Kindergarten	Griffith Street, Ermington	1.3 km north east of the site
Higher Education	University of Western Sydney Parramatta Campus	Cnr Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive, Parramatta	1.9 km north west of the site
Child Care	Rosehill Childcare Centre	103 Hassall Street, Rosehill	2.1 km west of the site
	Platypus Preschool	9 Lambert Avenue Ermington	1.2 km north east of the site
	Globe Children's Early Learning Centre	2 Virginia Street Rosehill	2.1 km south west of the site
	Explore & Develop Parramatta	1c Grand Avenue	1.7 km west of the site

Facility	Name	Location	Distance from Site
Aged Care	Our Lady of Lebanon Hostel for Aged Persons	128a Alfred Street Parramatta	2.5 km south west of the site
Recreation	Rydalmere Central Bowling Club	6 Park Road, Rydalmere	500 m north west of the site
	Rosehill Gardens Racecourse	James Ruse Drive, Rosehill	1.2 km south west of the site
	Parramatta City Raceway	Wentworth Street, Clyde	1.9 km south west of the site
	Parramatta Granville Sportsground	Wentworth Street, Clyde	1.9 km south west of the site
	Eric Primrose Reserve	John Street, Rydalmere	160 m north of the site
	Rydalmere Park	Park Street, Rydalmere	500 m north west of the site