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Investing in the Sutherland Shire

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The NSW Government will spend a share of \$338.5 million in the Sutherland Shire to complete construction of Sydney's \$1.9 billion desalination project, Water Minister Phil Costa said.

Mr Costa said more than 4,000 workers will have been inducted to work on the desalination project over the life of its construction, with about 1000 working on the project at any one time.

"The desalination plant is critical to securing Sydney's future water needs," said Mr Costa.

"It is another source of water completely independent of rain.

"Dams, desalination, recycling and water efficiencies guarantees Sydney will have water for life," he said.

Mr Costa said the Sutherland Shire would also benefit with a share in more than \$200 million worth of network upgrades across the Sydney Water service area.

"The NSW Government is continuing to invest to ensure a more reliable system, including leak reduction," he added.

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