

## Developer's worry is jobs

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SOUTH-WEST Sydney property mogul Roy Medich said suggestions he was behind an industry group's recent push for the go-ahead on Badgerys Creek airport were false.

Mr Medich said that although he believed western Sydney needed its own airport, he was more concerned about the creation of employment land in the region.

``Western Sydney is the third largest economy in Australia that warrants an airport," Mr Medich said.

``But with or without the airport, there is a shortage of employment land. People are losing three hours out of their day travelling east for work.

``I'm all for employment land, and hopefully with a university attached to it."

Mr Medich, a member of prolific developers' group the Urban Taskforce, owns land opposite the airport designation site that is earmarked as an employment land investigation area. The University of Sydney owns land directly next door.

The Urban Taskforce sparked debate in March after calling on the Federal Government to ``dust off" plans for Badgerys Creek airport a project canned by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd as promised during his election campaign.

Mr Medich said the Taskforce was simply urging the Government to take action by either moving ahead with the proposal or formally scrapping it and lifting the airport-affected tag from neighbouring properties.

``I feel sorry for those people because they've been left in limbo," Mr Medich said.

``The Government needs to make a decision at least for the residential landowners, who can't even do renovations. It's clearly outrageous that the Government can do this to people's lives."