



FULL COMMISSION # 1 (2021)

Date	16 March 2021	
Time	11:04 am – 12:36 pm	
Venue	Whole of Government Touchdown, Level 13, 231 Elizabeth St Sydney	
Members	Mr Geoff Roberts AM	Chief Commissioner (Chair)
	Ms Jackie Taranto	Economic Commissioner
	Ms Emma Herd	Environment Commissioner
	Ms Helen O'Loughlin	Social Commissioner
	Dr Deborah Dearing	North and Eastern City District Commissioner
	Ms Elizabeth Dibbs	Western City District Commissioner
	Mr Peter Poulet	Central City and South District Commissioner
	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet (<i>via phone</i>)
	Mr Jim Betts	Secretary, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
	Ms Elizabeth Mildwater	CEO, Greater Sydney Commission (GSC)
Apologies	Mr Michael Pratt	Secretary, NSW Treasury
	Mr Peter Regan	Secretary, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Observer	Mr Simon Draper	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW (<i>via phone</i>)
	Ms Tilly Harry	Youth Panel Co-chair, GSC
In attendance	Dr Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
	Mr Tim Raimond	Chief Transport Planning, TfNSW (<i>via VC</i>)
	Mr Phil Skidmore	Chief Financial Officer, GSC (<i>via VC</i>)
	Mr Tim Moore	Executive Director, City Planning Strategy, GSC (<i>via VC</i>)
	Mr Greg Woodhams	Executive Director, City Planning Projects, GSC (<i>via VC</i>)
	Mr Troy Daly	Executive Director, Planning Precincts, GSC (<i>via VC</i>)
	Ms Sarah Foti	Board Secretary, GSC
	Ms Ashton Geeves	Executive Assistant, GSC

Quorum	The Chair noted a quorum was present.
Introduction	The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:03 am.
1. Acknowledgement of Country	<p>Ms Harry acknowledged the traditional owners, on whose land we are meeting, wherever we are located at this time.</p> <p>Ms Harry also paid respect to Elders, past and present and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait people who now reside within the area.</p>
2. Conflicts of Interest	The Committee resolved to note there were no conflicts of interest.
3. Chief Commissioner's Report	<p>Mr Roberts provided key Greater Sydney Commission (the Commission) updates. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acknowledgement of the new Chief Executive Officer; • the Commission's work pivoting into three pillars, including thought leadership, strategic planning, and precinct leadership; and • the Commission's post COVID focus on its city-making role for Greater Sydney. <p>Ms Harry provided an update on behalf of the Youth Panel. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the resignation of the South District Youth representative and the impending recruitment; and • the Young Changemaker's Challenge soon to be launched. <p>Mr Reardon expressed his strong support of the Youth Panel and their work.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the Chief Commissioner's update. 2. Note the acknowledgement of Ms Harry becoming a finalist for the Transgrid Indigenous Achievement award category under the 2021 7News Young Achiever Awards.
4. Chief Executive Officer's Report	<p>Ms Mildwater provided a summary of her first two months in the role of CEO and provided key organisational updates. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recruitment underway for senior leadership positions, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Director, Thought Leadership and Engagement; ○ Executive Director, People and Corporate Services; and ○ Executive Director, Precincts - Tech Central. • the new phase of work for the Commission, including the role to lead and coordinate the acceleration of targeted innovation precincts; • the "re-launch" of the Women's Safety Charter to increase its participation and impact; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Young Changemaker's Challenge led by the Youth Panel to help shape the future of Greater Sydney so that it meets the needs of young people. <p>Mr Reardon and Mr Betts strongly supported the Commission's priority focus on accelerating women's safety.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Chief Executive Officer's Update. <p>The Committee resolved to action the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission to present an update on work undertaken to progress the Women's Safety Charter to the Board at its next meeting on 15 June 2021.
<p>5. Finance Report</p>	<p>Ms Mildwater provided a briefing on the 2020-21 budget, the recent Machinery of Government changes and budget bids that have been submitted for 2021-22 funding.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Commission's January 2021 Finance Report.
<p>Reporting Items</p>	
<p>6. Greater Sydney Region Plan</p>	<p>Ms Mildwater updated the Board on the Commission's proposed approach for the COVID-focussed update to the existing Greater Sydney Region Plan (GSRP) and provided a short presentation on the <i>Next Steps for Greater Sydney</i> Discussion Paper.</p> <p>The Board undertook extensive discussion on the approach, considerations, and alignment with other government policy processes.</p> <p>The Chair provided next steps and the need for further direction from the Premier's Office.</p> <p>Ms Harry expressed the Youth Panel's interest in consultation stage of the review and update of the GSRP.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse the proposed approach for the COVID-focussed update to the existing GSRP occurring early 2022, followed by the full statutory review of the GSRP at the end of 2023.
<p>7. 2020 Collaboration Areas Annual Report</p>	<p>Ms Mildwater shared the implementation of the Commission's Collaboration Areas and status of the program.</p> <p>The Board undertook discussion on key findings and feedback received via the annual report process.</p> <p>That the Board resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Commission's 2020 Collaboration Areas Annual Reports for publishing on the Commission's website by end of March 2021. Approve the Collaboration Areas Transition Plan. <p>The Committee resolved to action the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission to ensure Randwick and Macquarie Park are

properly represented in the transition plan.

Strategic Items

8. **NSW Sensitive:** **Cabinet-in-Confidence** **Central Coast Strategy**

Mr Woodhams provided a summary of:

- the Central Coast Strategy (the Strategy) prepared in collaboration with the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), the Hunter and Central Coast Development Cooperation and other key stakeholders to identify seven priorities and 15 actions for government alignment on delivery of the strategy;
- the current workstreams and preparation being undertaken to progress the Strategy to the Delivery and Performance Committee (DaPCo) of Cabinet for approval; and
- the direction being sought from the Premier on the funding and ongoing governance arrangements to implement the Strategy; and
- the initial market testing for prospective universities, in order to deliver a university campus in Gosford CBD.

That the board **resolves to:**

1. **Approve** the draft Central Coast Strategy.
2. **Approve** that submissions be made to the Delivery and Performance Committee (DaPCo) for approval of the Strategy and to Expenditure Review Committee (ERC) for funding of priority proposals.
3. **Note** Mr Reardon is the signatory on unsolicited proposal, which would include the university campus in Gosford CBD.

9. **Tech Central and** **Westmead Health and** **Innovation District**

Mr Daly shared precinct updates, including:

- the strategy and delivery framework being developed for Tech Central to confirm the coordinated priorities and implementation of actions over next three years;
- the creation of a milestone map for Tech Central;
- activities underway to launch an affordable space rebate program for scale-up businesses attracted to Tech Central, and the finalisation of the operator and location for the Tech Central scale-up hub;
- applications through the Jobs Plus funding for Tech Central business/jobs proposals;
- the heavy cross government consultation mode to develop an implementation plan together for Westmead; and
- the work undertaken to ensure the successful approval of the Parramatta North Program Business Case by the end of year.

The Chair shared update on the current status of the Tech Central and its governance.

Ms Harry expressed the Youth Panel's interest in consultation stage for Precincts.

That the Board **resolves to:**

1. **Note** the status of Tech Central and Westmead Health and Innovation District (WHID) being led by the Greater Sydney Commission (the Commission) in collaboration with multiple government agencies.

Meeting Review and Conclusion

10. Previous Minutes	<p>The Committee considered the minutes of the Full Commission meeting held on 15 December 2020.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to endorse the minutes of the Full Commission meeting held on 15 December 2020 to be executed by the Chief Commissioner as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>
11. Action Items	<p>The Committee resolved to note the action items</p>
12. Other Business	<p>The Board discussed in detail the idea of a Youth Commissioner and their proposed role.</p> <p>Mr Reardon introduced the role and functions of the newly created Investment NSW.</p> <p>Mr Reardon welcomed Dr Hill back into the Premier and Cabinet Cluster.</p> <p>Ms Mildwater took the opportunity to acknowledged warm welcome and reception she received from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and DPC.</p>
13. Next meeting	<p>The Chair confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for 15 June 2021.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12:26 pm.</p>

Signed as a correct record



Geoff Roberts
Chair

15 June 2021

Date