

Minutes

Commission Meeting

11 April 2023 10.00am - 12.45pm

Muruba Room – Level 11, 6 Parramatta Square, Parramatta | Microsoft Teams (VC)

| Status of Attendee | Basis for attendance | Official Title | Name |
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| Members | <i>GCC Act, s6(a), "Chief Commissioner"</i> | Chief Commissioner (Chair) | Mr Geoff Roberts AM |
| | | Social Commissioner | Ms Natalie Walker |
| | | Environment Commissioner | Ms Meg McDonald |
| | | Deputy Chief Commissioner and Eastern Harbour City Commissioner Central River City Commissioner Western Parkland City Commissioner Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle City Commissioner Central Coast City Commissioner | Dr Deborah Dearing |
| | | | Mr Peter Poulet |
| | | | Ms Billie Sankovic |
| | | | Mr Matthew Endacott |
| The Hon. Robyn Parker | | | |
| Members (ex-officio) | <i>GCC Act, s6(d), "ex-officio"</i> | Secretary Department of Planning and Environment | Mr Michael Cassell |
| | | Secretary, Transport for NSW | Mr Rob Sharp |
| | | Executive Director, NSW Treasury | Ms Cassandra Wilkinson |
| Standing invitees & guests [internal] | <i>SPC ToR (section 3, Chief Executive Officer & section 4.4 meeting Procedures</i> | Deputy Secretary, Transport for NSW | Ms Trudi Mares |
| | | Deputy Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment | Mr Marcus Ray |
| | | Chief Executive Officer | Mr Chris Hanger |
| | | Head of Strategic Planning | Ms Stephanie Barker PSM |
| | | Head of Innovation Districts | Ms Petra Andren |
| | | Executive Director, Region and City Plans | Mr Lee Mulvey |
| | | A/Executive Director, City Plan | Mr Luke Musgrave |
| | | Executive Director Central Coast | Ms Sarah Winter |
| | | A/Executive Director, Thought Leadership and Engagement | Ms Lyndal Hayward |
| | | Director Housing and Land Use Policy | Ms Anna Bardsley |
| | | Executive Officer, Office of the CEO | Ms Jing Fu |
| Board Secretary | Mr Tony DiMauro | | |
| Apologies | | Economic Commissioner | Mr John Lydon |
| | | Illawarra – Shoalhaven City Commissioner | Ms Jacki Johnson |
| | | Secretary Department of Premier and Cabinet | Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter |
| | | Secretary, NSW Treasury | Mr Paul Grimes |

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Acknowledgement of Country The Chair acknowledged that the Full Commission was meeting on the land of the Burrumattagal people of the Dharug nation. The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, paid respect to elders past and present and extended that respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining the meeting.

Apologies and quorum The Chair noted the apologies and that a quorum was present.

Declarations of interest The Chair invited members to declare any conflicts of interest.
The Full Commission **resolved to note** that there were no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

Item 1:
Chief Commissioner's and
Commissioners' Update The Chief Commissioner updated the Full Commission on:

- The announcement through the issue of *Administrative Arrangement Orders* of the Commission's move to the Department of Planning and Environment Cluster. The Commission's activities will have relevance across several portfolios, including the portfolios of Climate Change and Environment, Local Government, Lands and Property, Housing and Homelessness.
- The Commission remains focussed on housing and jobs as the work progresses on the Draft Region and City Plans.
- The potential for the Commission's Infrastructure Delivery Committee to support delivery of NSW Government priorities including increased housing

The Full Commission **resolved to note** the Chief Commissioner's verbal updates.

Item 2:
CEO's Report Mr Hanger provided an update and overview on:

- The consultation and input provided by various NSW Government agencies in several of the papers tabled for the meeting.
- The establishment of the Commission's First Nations Advisory Panel, commencement of the Commission's Corporate Planning and Budget process for 2023-24 and Commission's program and operating expenditure year-to-date.

The Full Commission **resolved to note** the CEO's Report.

Item 3:
Engagement with the
Federal Government Ms Sarah Winter spoke of the meeting held on the 17 March 2023 between the Six Cities Intergovernmental Policy team and Commonwealth Secretaries on shared priorities and coordinated investments aligned with the implementation of the Region Plan and the Commonwealth's Housing Accord and Housing Australia Future Fund.

The Commission **resolved to note** the update.

Item 4:
Six Cities 2050 Strategic
Framework Mr Lee Mulvey spoke to the tabled report and Visual Summary Maps outlining the consultative process over the past three months with Commissioners in the development of the Strategic Framework.

The maps summarise the emerging themes, objectives and proposed outcomes for the Region and City Plans and build on the vision and policy positions identified in the Discussion Paper released in September 2022. The Strategic Framework will inform discussions with NSW Ministers, the Commonwealth Government and NSW agencies over the coming months, ahead of the public exhibition of the draft Plans later in 2023.

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The Full Commission provided support for the role of the Strategic Framework.

The Full Commission **resolved to:**

- i.) **Note** the draft Six Cities 2050 Strategic Framework, comprising the visual summary maps entitled the Six Cities 2050 Vision , Six Cities 2050 Themes , and The Six Cities 2050 City Summaries.
 - ii.) **Approve** that the Commission use the draft Six Cities 2050 Strategic Framework (as amended) to brief the incoming Planning Minister, MPs and senior government officials.
 - iii.) **Note** the progress update on the development of the Region and City Plans including stakeholder engagement opportunities.
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Item 5: Housing Target Design

Ms Anna Bardsley tabled for the Full Commission an update on the preparation of targets for housing supply for the Region Plan and City Plans and affordable housing targets on private and government-owned land.

The Committee discussed the associated costs of enabling infrastructure.

The Full Commission **resolved to:**

- i.) **Approve** the baseline year for the five, 10 and 20-year housing supply targets is 2024-25.
 - ii.) **Approve** that the type of housing targets include is: five, 10 and 20-year targets for dwelling completions with supporting guidance provided on dwelling consents.
 - iii.) **Note** the Commission is focused on ensuring that the affordable housing mechanisms address the barriers that have limited delivery over the past five years.
 - iv.) **Note** the Commission will be undertaking targeted engagement with NSW Treasury and the key government land agencies to progress delivery of affordable and social housing on government-owned land.
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Item 6: Proposed Accelerated Housing Sites

Ms Barker spoke to the report outlining the potential to identify accelerate housing sites (precincts) to help meet the National Housing Accord gap between housing supply and demand.

The Full Commission **resolved:**

- i.) **Endorse** the progress and further action to be taken to identify and agree accelerated housing sites within the Six Cities to increase supply in 2024-29.
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Item 7: Update on Workstreams – The Innovation District Ecosystem Approach

Ms Andren provided the Full Commission with an update on the Innovation Ecosystem including a methodology to identify innovation capable jobs analysis to visualise the research and development pipeline for emerging priority industries across the six cities.

The Full Commission **resolved to note** the work that is ongoing to support delivery of a globally competitive multi-city region including:

- a) focus on innovation capable jobs
 - b) initial work around Research & Development pipeline visualisation and networks
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| | c) identification of a proposed economic model for Innovation Districts and Tech Central government investment case and options. |
| Item 8: Six Cities Region and City Plan Milestone | <p>Ms Baker updated the Full Commission on the progress of the Region and City Plans and discussed the high-level program milestones.</p> <p>The Commission resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.) Note the current program milestones ii.) Approve the Greater Cities Commission liaising with government regarding the potential for a revised program delivery timeline to facilitate greater stakeholder engagement and coordination. |
| Item 9: Supporting the Resilience of the Six Cities Region | <p>Ms Hayward spoke to the Commission's research into the Socio-Economic Impacts of Climate Change for the Six Cities Region. The research was undertaken in partnership with the OECC to help inform the draft Region and City Plans.</p> <p>The Commission resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.) Approve the Commission to transition the further progress on socio-economic research to the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) / Treasury as part of an integrated program for the NSW Adaptation Strategy ii.) Approve briefing incoming Ministers on research and content development on adaptation for the Region and City Plans. |
| Item 9: Other Business | No other business was raised |
| Item 11: Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Items | <p>The Commission considered the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2023.</p> <p>The Commission resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the minutes of the meeting held 21 February 2023 to be confirmed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings. 2. Note the action items. |
| Upcoming meetings | <p>The Chair confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 13 June 2023.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.45pm.</p> |

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair on 13 June 2023

Geoff Roberts, AM
Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Commission