

# Minutes

## Commission Meeting

21 February 2023 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

Status of Attendee	Basis for attendance	Official Title	Name
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
		Economic Commissioner	Mr John Lydon
		Central River City Commissioner	Mr Peter Poulet
		Western Parkland City Commissioner	Ms Billie Sankovic
		Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle City Commissioner	Mr Matthew Endacott
Members (ex-officio)	<i>GCC Act, s6(c), "City Commissioner"</i>	Central Coast City Commissioner	The Hon Robyn Parker
		Illawarra – Shoalhaven City Commissioner	Ms Jacki Johnson
		Secretary Department of Premier and Cabinet	Mr Michael Coutts – Trotter
		Secretary, NSW Treasury	Dr Paul Grimes PSM
Standing invitees & guests [internal]	<i>SPC ToR (section 3, Chief Executive Officer &amp; section 4.4 meeting Procedures</i>	Secretary, Transport for NSW	Mr Rob Sharp
		Deputy Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment	Mr Marcus Ray
		Co-Chair, Youth Advisory Panel	Ms Matilda Harry
		Co-Chair, Youth Advisory Panel	Mr Jackson Cocks
		Chief Executive Office	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
		Executive Director, People and Corporate Services	Ms Lyndal Hayward
		A/Director, Office of the CEO	Mr Josue Castro
Board Secretary	Mr Tony DiMauro		
Apologies		Deputy Chief Commissioner and Eastern Harbour City Commissioner	Dr Deborah Dearing
		Secretary, NSW Department of Planning and Environment	Mr Michael Cassell

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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 clan. 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 <b>resolved to note</b> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Progress on the drafting of the Region Plan, advising work progressing at a detailed strategic level targeting conversation with the incoming state Government.</li><li>• Tech Central and Central Coast Innovation District, including the recent signing of an agreement with the University of Newcastle for a new university campus in Gosford.</li></ul> The Full Commission <b>resolved to note</b> the Chief Commissioner's verbal updates.
Item 2: CEO's Report	Mr Hanger provided an update and overview on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus of the "silver" draft version of the Region and City Plan being the technical analysis of each of the Plan's modules, with the final draft planned for submission at the May / June meetings of the Commission.</li><li>• The first meeting of the new Youth Advisory Panel, progression of the recruitment of the First Nations Advisory Panel, and the appointment of Billie Sankovic to the role of Western Parkland City Commissioner.</li><li>• Tech Central selected as next location for Techstars</li><li>• NSW Treasury approval to carry forward a component of the funding approved for the Central Coast Strategy into the 2023-24 Budget year.</li></ul> The Full Commission <b>resolved to note</b> the CEO's Report.
Item 3: Six Cities Intergovernmental Policy Report	Ms Sarah Winter spoke of the progress of Six Cities Intergovernmental Policy team to support an agency-led NSW Government discussion on shared priorities. The Full Commission reaffirmed the need to ensure alignment of the Region Plan implementation with the Commonwealth agenda and maintain close relationships with local government in drafting the Plan. The Full Commission <b>resolved:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To <b>note</b> the report</li><li>2. That the Greater Cities Commission will be the lead NSW Government agency accountable for co-ordinating intergovernmental outcomes for the Six Cities with the Federal Government, with these arrangements to be reviewed at the end of April 2023. Oversight will be provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Treasury.</li></ol>

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	<p>3. That Greater Cities Commission will collaborate with key agencies, including Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Regional NSW and others as required, to facilitate a one Government outcome.</p>
<p>Item 4: Six Cities Region and City Plan Update</p>	<p>Ms Barker spoke to the progress of the development of the Region and City Plans. Key focus areas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• technical analysis on modules, with a focus on the evidence base to underpin the strategies, actions and planning priorities in the plans</li> <li>• ‘Digital First’ production considerations, including links to relevant data sources and research.</li> </ul> <p>The Full Commission remains supportive of the program and the approach to housing targets and jobs, noting alignment with the Future Transport Strategy, EP&amp;A Act 1979 and existing Greater Sydney Regional Plan of 2018 and existing Regional Plans for Illawarra- Shoalhaven, Central Coast and Hunter. The members discussed the tight timeframes for a mid-June final draft of the Region and City Plans for internal approvals, with the Draft Region Plan progressed through NSW Government approval processes prior to a 45-day exhibition period commencing by September.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to note</b> the progress of the Region and City Plans and high-level program milestones.</p>
<p>Item 5: The Innovation District Innovation Ecosystem</p>	<p>Ms Andren tabled for the Full Commission a report of the work by the Greater Cities Commission to identify, network and visualise the innovation districts and assets across the Six Cities, creating an innovation district innovation ecosystem, increasing collaboration through effective partnerships, and thereby reducing duplication across districts.</p> <p>The Greater Cities Commission has engaged Clarivate to undertake an analysis of the R&amp;D and industry innovation connections that currently exist in the multi-city region with reference to identified priority emerging industries from the NSW Industry Development Framework. Clarivate will create visualise the innovation ecosystem in the multi-city region, focusing on the priority emerging industries and identified collaborations between major public and private anchors in each innovation district and precinct.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to note</b> the report on the Innovation District Innovation Ecosystems.</p>
<p>Item 6: Housing Numbers at the City Level.</p>	<p>Ms Barker spoke to insights from the housing target setting process, identifying the emerging implications of this analysis for the NSW and Commonwealth governments.</p> <p>The report identified four areas for investigation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Planning:</b> State-led programs to rapidly identify and prioritise a new generation of urban renewal opportunities in well-located areas.</li> <li>2. <b>Counter-cycle supply:</b> For development of government-owned land.</li> <li>3. <b>Governance:</b> Establish new governance mechanisms to establish a growth management strategy that prioritises infrastructure investments to support housing delivery.</li> <li>4. <b>Partnerships:</b> Negotiate NSW and Commonwealth government partnerships that incentivise and accelerate supply.</li> </ol>

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	<p>The Full Commission were supportive of aspirational housing targets that align with jobs and infrastructure strategies at a city-based level.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To <b>note</b> the update.</li> <li>2. That as the key agency, the Greater Cities Commission continues to collaborate with other agencies on housing, jobs and infrastructure targets likely for the Region Plan so that all three targets can be addressed through an appropriate prioritisation mechanism.</li> </ol>
<p>Item 7: Youth Advisory Panel Update</p>	<p>Ms Harry provided the Full Commission with a brief update on the first Youth Advisory Panel meeting and activities, which included a brief introduction to the 'Our City' project. The project is a key component of the Panel's first year engagement program and focuses on elevating youth insights to inform the development of the City Plans. Panel members were tasked with preparing an engagement plan to gather youth experiences, views, and aspirations in relation to one insight area per city.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to Note</b> the Youth Panel Representative's verbal update.</p>
<p>Item 8: Community Participation Plan 2023</p>	<p>Dr Were updated the Full Commission on the requirement to update the Community Participation Plan for the public exhibition for the Region and City Plans in August 2023. The draft Community Participation Plan is required to be on public exhibition for 28 days. Exhibition will be accompanied by social and digital campaigns, and stakeholder notification. Following the exhibition period, the final Community Participation Plan will be provided for approval by the Full Commission at its June meeting, ahead of publication.</p> <p>The Commission <b>resolved to approve</b> the draft Community Participation Plan ahead of its public exhibition in April 2023.</p>
<p>Item 9: Other Business</p>	<p>No other business was raised</p>
<p>Item 11: Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Items</p>	<p>The Commission considered the draft minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2022.</p> <p>The Commission <b>resolved to</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Approve</b> the minutes of the meeting held 30 November 2022 to be confirmed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</li> <li>2. <b>Note</b> the action items.</li> </ol>
<p>Upcoming meetings</p>	<p>The Chair confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 11 April 2023.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.30pm.</p>

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Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair on 11 April 2023.

Geoff Roberts, AM  
Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Commission