

Meeting of the Greater Sydney Commission (Commission)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Held on:	Tuesday, 5 September 2017	
At:	Greater Sydney Commission, Meeting Room 2, Level 5, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta at 9.30am.	
Present:	Name	Position
	Ms Lucy Turnbull AO	Chief Commissioner (Chair) (in part)
	Mr Geoff Roberts	Deputy Chief Commissioner & Economic Commissioner (Chair) (in part)
	Mr Roderick Simpson	Environment Commissioner
	Ms Heather Nesbitt	Social Commissioner
	Ms Maria Atkinson AM	District Commissioner, Central
	Ms Sheridan Dudley	District Commissioner, South West
	Professor Edward Blakely	District Commissioner, West Central
	Mr Sean O'Toole OAM	District Commissioner, West
	Ms Carolyn McNally	Secretary, Department of Planning & Environment (DPE)
	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
In attendance:	Ms Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sydney Commission (GSC)
	Mr Steve Driscoll	Chief Executive Officer, UrbanGrowth NSW
	Mr Jim Betts	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW (INSW)
	Mr Simon Draper	Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPC)
	Mr Andrew Jackson	Deputy Secretary, DPC
	Mr Sanjiv Midha	Deputy Secretary, Treasury
	Mr Halvard Dalheim	Executive Director (ED), City Planning – Strategy, GSC
	Ms Danielle Smalley	ED, Communications & Engagement, GSC (in part)
	Ms Marianne Christmann	Chief Operating Officer, GSC (in part)
	Ms Candice Driver	Commission Secretary, GSC
	Mr Matt Stevens	Senior Project Adviser, GSC (minute-taker)
	Ms Mariette Gill	Executive Assistant, GSC

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1.	Acknowledgement of Country
	<p>The Chief Commissioner, Ms Lucy Turnbull acknowledged that the attendees of the meeting were present on the land of the people who are the Traditional Owners of the land. The Chief Commissioner paid respect to the elders, past and present, and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within the area.</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner also noted that the Greater Sydney Commission (Commission) had recently signed Principles of Agreement with the local Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council, with a commitment to ongoing collaboration. The Chief Commissioner thanked District Commissioner, West Central, Professor Edward Blakely and District Commissioner, West, Mr Sean O'Toole for their contribution to this work.</p>

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2.	Meeting open and conflicts of interest
	<p>There being a quorum present, the Chief Commissioner opened the meeting at 9.31am.</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner noted apologies from District Commissioner, North, Dr Deborah Dearing, District Commissioner, South, The Hon. Morris Iemma and Secretary of NSW Treasury, Mr Michael Pratt AM.</p> <p>Ms Turnbull noted a conflict of interest relating to the Western Sydney City Deal and noted that she would excuse herself from the meeting, in accordance with the Member Conflict of Interest Protocol in place, should this conflict arise during the course of the meeting.</p>
3.	Previous meeting minutes
	<p>The Commission considered the draft minutes of its previous meeting.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that, subject to Mr Stephen Driscoll's name being corrected, the draft minutes of the Commission meeting held on 1 August 2017, be executed by the Chief Commissioner as a true and correct record of proceedings.</p>
4.	Chief Commissioner's report (verbal update)
	<p>On behalf of the Commission, the Chief Commissioner thanked the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ms Sarah Hill and the rest of her team for the exceptional work being carried out in relation to finalising the draft <i>Greater Sydney Region Plan (GSRP)</i> and the Revised Draft District Plans (District Plans).</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner then thanked the District Commissioners for their contribution in the development of the District Plans, and also thanked all other NSW Government agencies and departments that had contributed to the District Plans.</p>
5.	Chief Executive Officer's report
	<p>Ms Hill, spoke to her report, noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>Code of Ethics and Conduct</i> applicable to members of the Commission has been revised and was presented for Commission approval; • the Commission's 2016-17 financial statements and 2016-17 Annual Report would be circulated to members for out-of-session approval, on or around 15 September 2017; • the Commission was on track to complete, by early 2018, all of the former Minister for Planning's 24 priorities for the Commission; • there were ongoing discussions between the Commission and DPE, to clarify the Commission and DPE responsibilities and to assess what the Commission's priorities will be post-2018; and • taking into account inputs and feedback received from key stakeholders, it was intended that a revised set of priorities would be presented to the Commission for consideration in early 2018. <p>A Commission discussion followed regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need to avoid duplication of planning activities and a potential assurance role for the Commission;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the basis of the revised priorities, the value of updating the vision statement in the revised <i>Code of Ethics and Conduct</i>; and • that the revised <i>Code of Ethics and Conduct</i> had been endorsed by the Commission's Finance and Governance Committee (FGC). <p>It was RESOLVED to approve:</p> <p>(1) the revised <i>Code of Ethics and Conduct</i> apply to members of the Commission (included in the meeting papers), subject to the vision statement being updated following agreement of new Commission priorities with the Minister for Planning.</p> <p>Action: Commission to prepare a proposed draft set of priorities for consideration.</p> <p>Action: Update vision statement following agreement of new Commission priorities.</p>
6.	Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan
	<p>Executive Director, Mr Halvard Dalheim, spoke to the paper of agenda item 6, noting in particular:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the changes to the draft GSRP since it was last presented to the Commission, including revisions to the Executive Summary, ongoing revisions to the graphical elements, the improvements made to the economic elements about integrated land use and the inclusion of information about industry sector policy; • the draft GSRP will be resubmitted to the Government's Major Projects Executive Committee (MPEC); then to the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee (CIC) and Cabinet in coming weeks; and • the draft GSRP and District Plans would be released for public consultation from late October to 15 December 2017. <p>A Commission discussion followed regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional clarity being provided by the draft GSRP regarding the 'three cities' approach (Eastern, Central and Western); • the Commission's recent collaboration with the Department of Industry on industry sector policy; and • the inclusion of additional housing approvals data. <p>The Chief Commissioner, Ms Turnbull, TABLED a document titled, 'GREATER SYDNEY'S CHANGING URBAN FORM: 1996 – 2016 – 2036'. The Commission was given time to consider the TABLED document.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve:</p> <p>(1) that the draft Greater Sydney Region Plan would be lodged for the next Major Projects Executive Committee; and</p> <p>(2) subject to any final comments at the meeting and those received from members within the following six days being considered, that the refined draft Greater Sydney Region Plan (included in the meeting papers) be submitted to the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee and Cabinet for approval to be released on public consultation.</p> <p>The Commission also noted the updated timeframe for consideration of the draft GSRP by Cabinet and the upcoming public consultation, and that following the public consultation</p>

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	<p>period, the Commission (19 January 2018) would consider a report outlining the proposed changes arising from submissions rather than an updated draft GSRP.</p> <p>Actions: Housing approval data (currently 2015-16 figures) be updated in the District Plans.</p>
7.	Draft Revised District Plans
	<p>Mr Dalheim spoke to the paper of agenda item 7 in particular noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the District Plans must relate closely to the draft GSRP; • improvements to the narrative regarding delivery on objectives and strategies, focussing on 8 to 12 priorities for each District; • that certain priorities common to all Districts were moved out of the District Plans and into the draft GSRP; • comments on the District Plans from the Commission are due by 12 September 2017, to allow for their consideration alongside the draft GSRP by the same Cabinet meetings; and • the draft GSRP and District Plans were scheduled for release in late October 2017. <p>A Commission discussion followed relating to comments provided by the Commission on previous versions of the District Plans.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that an out-of-session paper be circulated to the Commission later that day, seeking to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the District Plans for the North, Eastern City, South, Central City and Western City being submitted to Cabinet for support for public release, subject to comments made by Commission members being considered and, as determined by the Commission's Chief Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer, being included in the Plans for updated versions of the District Plans (and allowing for comments, the inclusion of which to be decided by the Chief Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioner and CEO); and (2) that the District Plans for the Eastern City, North, South, Central City and the new draft Western City District Plans be submitted to the Major Projects Executive Committee. <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) District Commissioner, South West, Ms Sheridan Dudley to provide comments on the draft Western City District Plan to Deputy Chief Commissioner and Economic Commissioner, Mr Geoff Roberts and any general comments to Executive Director, Mr Halvard Dalheim; and (2) District Commissioner, West, Mr Sean O'Toole, Environment Commissioner, Mr Roderick Simpson, Deputy Chief Commissioner and Economic Commissioner, Mr Geoff Roberts and Executive Director, Mr Halvard Dalheim to meet as soon as possible to discuss any outstanding issues they have in relation to the draft Western City District Plans. <p><i>Ms Marianne Christmann, Chief Operating Officer exited the meeting and Executive Director, Communications and Engagement, Ms Danielle Smalley entered the meeting.</i></p>
8.	Submissions Response Report

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	<p>Mr Dalheim and Executive Director, Ms Danielle Smalley spoke to the paper of agenda item 8 in particular noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the draft Submissions Response Report (SRR) for the more than 2,000 submissions received for the <i>Towards our Greater Sydney 2056</i> and six draft District Plans would be consolidated around 11 separate issues; and • the draft GSRP and District Plans would be the ultimate expression of the submissions. <p>A Commission discussion followed regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the social infrastructure aspects of the draft SRR; • the need for the District Plans to align with the draft SRR; and • the finalised SRR that is intended to be released with the draft GSRP and District Plans at public consultation. <p>It was RESOLVED that the Commission approve the online publication of a Submissions Response Report (included in the meeting papers) at the same time the draft <i>Greater Sydney Region Plan</i> and the District Plans are released for public consultation.</p> <p>Actions: Strategic Planning team to investigate whether the Camperdown Collaboration Area should be expanded.</p> <p><i>Ms Smalley exited the meeting.</i></p>
9.	Committee reports
9.1	Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) report
	The SPC report was taken as read.
9.2	Finance and Governance Committee (FGC) report
	The FGC report was taken as read.
9.3	Infrastructure Delivery Committee (IDC) report
	The IDC report was taken as read.
10.	Other business
	<p>The Commission consented to the Deputy Chief Commissioner & Economic Commissioner, Mr Geoff Roberts giving a brief update on the Western Sydney City Deal.</p> <p>Due to the conflict declared by Ms Turnbull earlier in the meeting, it was RESOLVED to appoint Mr Roberts as Chair for the remaining part of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Ms Turnbull exited the meeting.</i></p> <p>Mr Roberts provided the Commission a brief verbal update on the Western Sydney City Deal and a Commission discussion followed.</p> <p>The Commission noting:</p> <p>(1) Discussion about possible governance and development arrangements; and</p>

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	(2) Clarifying with the Commission to undertake a planning assurance role (peer review) of the structure plan being prepared by the DPE for the Western Sydney Airport area prior to its public release.
11.	Next meeting and meeting close
	The Chair noted the next meeting was scheduled for 26 September 2017 and, there being no further business, closed the meeting at 10.54am.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Lucy Hughes

Chair

Date: **4 December 2017**