



**Full Commission # 2 (2020)**

Minutes of the Full Commission Meeting held at Muruwai Room, Level 21, 52 Martin Place  
Sydney  
**7 July 2020**

<p><b>Members</b></p>	<p>Mr Geoff Roberts AM      Chief Commissioner (<b>Chair</b>)            Mr Roderick Simpson      Environment Commissioner            Ms Helen O’Loughlin      Social Commissioner (<i>entered at 9:17 am</i>)            Ms Elizabeth Dibbs      Western City District Commissioner            Mr Peter Poulet      Central City and South District               Commissioner            Dr Deborah Dearing      North and Eastern City District               Commissioner            Dr Sarah Hill      Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Greater               Sydney Commission</p>
<p><b>Apologies</b></p>	<p>Mr Tim Reardon      Secretary, Department of Premier and               Cabinet (DPC)            Mr Jim Betts      Secretary, Department of Planning,               Industry and Environment (DPIE)            Mr Michael Pratt      Secretary, NSW Treasury            Mr Rodd Staples      Secretary, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)</p>
<p><b>In attendance</b></p>	<p>Mr Simon Draper      CEO, Infrastructure NSW               (<i>exited at 10:29 am</i>)            Ms Kate Foy      Acting Secretary, DPC (<i>entered at 9:11 am</i>)            Ms Kirstie Allen      Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Reform               DPIE            Ms Cass Wilkinson      Executive Director, Policy &amp; Budgets,               NSW Treasury            Ms Fiona Christiansen      A/Director, Metropolitan Strategy, TfNSW            Ms Stephanie Barker      Executive Director, City Planning               Strategy, Greater Sydney Commission</p>

	<p>Mr Greg Woodhams      Executive Director, City Planning Projects, Greater Sydney Commission (<i>Agenda Item 7 &amp; 10, via VC</i>)</p> <p>Mr Phil Skidmore      A/Executive Director, Operations &amp; Governance and Chief Financial Officer, Greater Sydney Commission (<i>entered at 9:28 am, via VC</i>)</p> <p>Ms Ruth Jones      Director, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Greater Sydney Commission (<i>via VC</i>)</p> <p>Ms Sarah Foti      Commission Secretary, Greater Sydney Commission</p>
Quorum	The Chair noted a quorum was present.
<b>1. Welcome</b>	<p>The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:05 am.</p> <p>Mr Roberts acknowledged The Government Architect NSW, as the recipient of the 2020 NSW Sulman Award for Public Architecture.</p> <p>On behalf of the Board, Mr Roberts expressed condolences for Mr Betts' recent loss of a family member.</p>
<b>2. Acknowledgement of Country</b>	The Chair acknowledged that the attendees of the meeting were present on the land of the Gadigal people and that the Gadigal people are the Traditional Owners of the land. The Chair paid respect to the Gadigal elders, past and present, and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within the area.
<b>3. Governance</b>	
2.1 Conflicts of Interest	The Board <b>resolved to note</b> there were no conflicts of interest.
2.2 Minutes of 24 March 2020	<p>The Board considered the draft minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2020.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to approve</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2020 to be executed by the Chief Commissioner as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>
2.3 Action Items	The Board <b>resolved to note</b> the action items.
<b>4. Chief Commissioner's Report</b>	<p>Mr Roberts spoke to his report, outlining key matters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Greater Sydney Commission's (the Commission) completion of all of the priorities issued by the NSW Premier in 2018, with the exception of those that continue to be the Commission's core business under legislation;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Commission’s new priorities currently being set by the NSW Premier, focusing on strategic city-making leadership that is critical in driving our city’s economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and shaping a more resilient Greater Sydney;</li> <li>the recruitment for the vacant position of Economic Commissioner, and the Environment Commissioner appointment expiring on 8 September 2020;</li> <li>the Board’s intention to dedicate two days in September 2020 to focus on the Commission’s strategy; and</li> <li>an independent board review to take place over July and August 2020.</li> </ul> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the Chief Commissioner’s update.</li> </ol>
<p><b>5. Chief Executive Officer’s (CEO) Report</b></p>	<p>Dr Hill acknowledged the 2020 Queen’s Birthday Honours List, whereby Ms Natalie Camilleri, Executive Director, City Planning Infrastructure, received the Public Service Medal “for outstanding public service to infrastructure projects in New South Wales.”</p> <p>Dr Hill spoke to her report, outlining people and culture matters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Commission’s business continuity planning to ensure the team remains well and has the resources and support to continue to progress and deliver on its key projects through the COVID-19 pandemic;</li> <li>the results of the Commission’s staff survey conducted over May and June 2020; and</li> <li>the Commission’s commitment to the NSW’s Public Service Commission’s Tailored Talent Program and the Aboriginal Internship Program.</li> </ul> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the CEO Report.</li> <li><b>Approve</b> that the Chair of the Youth Panel be invited to attend and observe meetings of the Full Commission.</li> </ol> <p>The Board <b>resolved to action</b> the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with key NSW Government departments to identify First Nation representation for future meetings of the Full Commission.</li> </ol>
<p><b>6. Finance Report</b></p>	<p>Mr Skidmore spoke to his report.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the May 2020 Finance Report.</li> </ol>

<p><b>7. 2018 Premier's Priorities and Proposed New Commission Priorities</b></p>	<p>Dr Hill spoke to her report.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the effective completion and ongoing nature of the 10 Premier's Priorities issued to the Commission in June 2018.</li> <li><b>Approve</b> the Chief Commissioner writing to the NSW Premier on behalf of the Commission to close-out the June 2018 Premier's Priorities by advising of their effective completion and ongoing nature of the priorities.</li> <li><b>Note</b> the proposed new priorities for the Commission which the NSW Premier will determine.</li> </ol> <p>The Board <b>resolved to action</b> the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board to discuss at the strategy workshop in September 2020, the proposal by Mr Simpson for a resilience lens to be considered in the review of the Greater Sydney Region Plan (GSRP), and in the State of the Cities Report.</li> </ol>
<p><b>8. City-making Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic</b></p>	<p>Dr Hill spoke to the report.</p> <p>Ms Barker spoke to the overarching stakeholder engagement program, which will also inform both the preparation of the State of the Cities Report and <i>The Pulse of Greater Sydney 2020</i>.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the Commission will prepare advice for the NSW Government on the city-making implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on Greater Sydney.</li> <li><b>Note</b> that the Commission is working collaboratively with NSW Government agencies to collect data insights and research to inform this advice.</li> </ol> <p>The Board <b>resolved to action</b> the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Barker to engage with the NSW Public Service Commissioner, as part of the Commission's stakeholder engagement program.</li> <li>Ms Barker to consider jointly presenting with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to the Secretaries Board, as part of the Commission's stakeholder engagement program.</li> </ol>
<p><b>9. Multi-utilities Investigation</b></p>	<p>Dr Hill spoke to her report.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note</b> the progress report on the investigation into multi-utility approaches in the Western Parkland City.</li> </ol>
<p><b>10. Statutory Reporting on the actions of the Plans</b></p>	<p>Ms Barker spoke to her report.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Approve</b> the deferral of the publication of the Pulse of Greater Sydney 2020 until Q4-2020 to allow for the inclusion of COVID-19 data and the analysis of city-making implications</li> </ol>

	<p>gained through the preparation of The State of the Cities Report in Q3-2020.</p> <p><b>2. Approve</b> the Greater Sydney Region Plan (GSRP) and District Plan Progress Report on the implementation of the GSRP and District Plan actions as at 30 June 2020 (Progress Report) at Attachment 2 and that any minor changes be approved by the Commission’s CEO prior to publishing on the Commission’s website.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to action</b> the following:</p> <p><b>1.</b> Ms Barker to provide any support required by NSW Government departments in the lead-up to the publishing of the Progress Report.</p>
<p><b>11. Assurance Activities</b></p>	<p>Mr Woodhams spoke to his report, with commentary from Ms Barker on the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) Assurance, and Dr Dearing on the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package Assurance.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to:</b></p> <p><b>1. Note</b> that, since last reported on 24 March 2020, the Greater Sydney Commission’s (the Commission) statutory function under section 3.9(3A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&amp;A Act) has, under delegation, been exercised as follows:</p> <p>a. the Chief Commissioner has issued a Letter of Support to 27 Greater Sydney councils, advising each council of the consistency of their draft LSPS with the GSRP and relevant District Plan; and</p> <p>b. District Commissioners have issued Letters of Support to four Greater Sydney councils, advising each council of the consistency of their draft LSPSs with the GSRP and relevant District Plan.</p> <p><b>2. Note</b> that Letters of Support are outstanding for two Greater Sydney councils which were delayed in submitting their draft LSPSs for assurance.</p> <p><b>3. Note</b> that the Commission’s statutory functions under sections 10(1) (a1) and (c1) of the Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015 (GSC Act) were exercised with the submission of the Assurance Panel Report (Attachment 1) for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package (the Planning Package).</p> <p>The Board further <b>resolved to:</b></p> <p><b>1. Note</b> the Aerotropolis Assurance Panel will arrange a meeting with the Secretary of DPIE to discuss the Panel’s advice to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on the Aerotropolis Planning Package.</p> <p>The Board <b>resolved to action</b> the following:</p> <p><b>1.</b> The Board to discuss at the strategy workshop in September 2020, the submission to the Aerotropolis Assurance Review by Mr Simpson titled <i>Summary Responses to WSAP, SEPP DCP</i> received by the Assurance Review Panel on 23 February 2020.</p>

<b>12. Standing Agenda Items</b>	
12.1 Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) Minutes	The Board resolved to endorse the SPC Minutes of 28 April 2020.
12.2 Finance and Governance Committee (FGC) Minutes	The Board resolved to endorse the FGC Minutes of 28 April 2020.
12.3 Infrastructure Delivery Committee (IDC) Minutes	The Board resolved to endorse the IDC Minutes of 19 May 2020.
<b>13. Other Business</b>	<p>Ms Allen provided the following updates in relation to the Greater Parramatta and Olympic Peninsula Place-based Infrastructure Compact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• following the Gate 1 Assurance Review, DPIE is exploring engaging the Productivity Commissioner to review of the process of establishing and apportioning infrastructure costs; and</li> <li>• an Independent Planner will shortly commence a review of the best planning outcome for Camellia.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Roberts shared the Commission’s proposed approach for meetings of Full Commission and IDC to occur on the same date to encourage Secretary representation, and the proposal of establishing a Senior Officers’ Group to manage the detailed business of the Infrastructure Delivery Committee.</p> <p>Mr Roberts recognised the meeting of Full Commission on 7 July 2020 as Mr Simpson’s last Board meeting, and paid tribute to his service to the Commission. The following achievements of Mr Simpson were commended by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the identifying names of the ‘Easter Harbour City’, ‘Central River City’ and the ‘Western Parkland City’;</li> <li>• the significant Blue Green Grid and the Low Carbon High Performance Precinct work undertaken;</li> <li>• the exceptional ability to know place and design;</li> <li>• the tireless championing of resilience; and</li> <li>• the ongoing contribution to DPIE.</li> </ul> <p>Dr Dearing added remarks of appreciation for Mr Simpson’s passion and deep commitment to sustainability, design and cities.</p> <p>Mr Simpson thanked the Commissioners and CEO for their support and expressed his honour in collaborating across departments to achieve reform in Government.</p>

**14. Next Meeting**

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for 8 September 2020.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11:28 am.

Signed as a correct record



Chair 08/09/2020