

Report to the Minister for Planning

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Introduction

Since the previous Quarterly Report, the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) has:

- presented a new Greater Sydney Region Plan, *A Metropolis of Three Cities*, to the NSW Government, and it has been formally adopted and released
- approved and released the final (5) District Plans for Greater Sydney that implement *A Metropolis of Three Cities* at the local level
- pivoted to the implementation and monitoring of the six new Plans
- continued the development of Collaboration Areas, including Camperdown-Ultimo, Liverpool, Greater Penrith and Randwick
- supported the development and finalisation of the Western Sydney City Deal
- commenced a series of council site visits to hear and experience first-hand the issues, challenges and opportunities that lie in every local government area across Greater Sydney
- called for nominations for the 2018 Greater Sydney Planning Awards.

A Metropolis of Three Cities and five District Plans

For two years the GSC has been working with the community, councils, peak bodies, industry, and State Government partners to develop a new Greater Sydney Region Plan.

In March 2018, the NSW Government adopted the GSC's recommended Greater Sydney Region Plan, *A Metropolis of Three Cities*, and the Premier released it on 18 March 2018. It was released together with Transport for NSW's *Future Transport 2056* and Infrastructure NSW's *State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-36*. For the first time, there is one co-ordinated vision of Greater Sydney as a vibrant and sustainable metropolis of three cities: Eastern Harbour City, Central River City and Western Parkland City.

The GSC has also approved and released the final five District Plans: Western City District, Central City District, Eastern City District, North District and South District, that support implementation of *A Metropolis of Three Cities* at the local level.

In developing its Plans over the past two years, the GSC has listened to a wide range of stakeholders including the community, councils, peak bodies and industry. The GSC heard that, as Greater Sydney grows, the things people love about their city must be recognised and retained with the delivery of homes, transport, jobs, open space and infrastructure. Acting on this feedback, the GSC structured its Plans around four core themes – infrastructure and collaboration, liveability, productivity and sustainability.

A submissions report and response was prepared and is available on the GSC's website.

District Plans presented through these themes focus on identifying the Planning Priorities and Actions for each district, in the context of the specific economic, and social environmental matters of the districts.

Key aspects of the Plans include:

- The fundamental principle that future development in Greater Sydney must carefully consider the capacity of existing infrastructure, and the co-ordination and sequencing of additional infrastructure.
 - The strong, consistent message from the community and stakeholders throughout these activities and in the thousands of formal submissions received, is that growth must be matched with infrastructure provision. Without it communities will lose confidence and trust in the planning system.
 - A number of key strategies within *A Metropolis of Three Cities* explicitly reinforce this:
 - 1.1 Prioritise infrastructure investments to support the vision of *A Metropolis of Three Cities*.
 - 2.1 Align forecast growth with infrastructure.
 - 2.2 Sequence infrastructure provision across Greater Sydney using a place-based approach.
 - One of the GSC's major implementation projects is the piloting of the growth infrastructure compact in the Greater Parramatta and the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP) area. A shared vision of GPOP recognises that Greater Parramatta is a central hub which brings together stakeholders in business, health, education, arts and heritage. The growth infrastructure compact pilot at GPOP will assess growth scenarios that best align land use, infrastructure investment and community benefits.
- An affordable rental housing target of 5–10 per cent be applicable on developments in defined precincts prior to rezoning.
 - One of the major implementation projects is that the GSC, in partnership with relevant State agencies, will develop detailed arrangements for delivering and managing the housing that is created by the targets. The additional work will consider eligibility criteria, allocation, ownership, management and delivery models.

Following the release of the Plans, the GSC has commenced holding briefing sessions for key stakeholders, community members, elected officials, and State and local government representatives. The sessions provided opportunities for stakeholders to be briefed on the final Plans, along with *Future Transport 2056* and the *State Infrastructure Strategy 2018–36*, and to ask questions about these key planning and transport documents and their implementation.

Implementation and monitoring of the Plans

Submissions to the draft Plans from across the community and stakeholders stressed the importance of implementation and the GSC's role in implementation, continuing the strong co-ordinated approach it led in plan preparation. Stakeholders continue to support an implementation role for the GSC. For example, both the Planning Institute of Australia and the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue have recommended that the GSC take a key role in implementing the Plans.

The GSC is already working with councils, government, stakeholders, community and industry to implement the Plans and achieve quality outcomes for the people of Greater Sydney.

There are multiple aspects to the successful implementation and delivery of these Plans. These include the projects above, as well as:

- using the Plans as a framework for decision-making to inform local strategic planning statements and local environmental plans, and to provide context for councils' community strategic plans
- guiding private sector investment, by clarifying the growth management and infrastructure investment intentions of the Government, to enable the building of homes, retail spaces, office buildings, factories and green and open spaces across Greater Sydney
- progressing the concept of Collaboration Areas to create great places, particularly as centres of economic productivity and good liveability outcomes. This is through a place-based process, led by the GSC, to address complex issues that require cross-stakeholder solutions. Five Collaboration Areas are well advanced:
 - Liverpool
 - Greater Penrith*
 - Camperdown-Ultimo health and education precinct
 - Randwick health and education precinct
 - Rhodes East precinct*.
- The following Collaboration Areas are prioritised for 2018–19:
 - Kogarah health and education precinct
 - Campbelltown-Macarthur
 - Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation research and innovation precinct
 - Bankstown health and education precinct and Bankstown Airport/Milperra industrial and urban services precinct.

Achieving the vision of *A Metropolis of Three Cities* requires the continued involvement of a wide range of stakeholders with a diversity of responsibilities. Collaboration and engagement with the community, councils, industry, and State agencies has informed the Plan and will be essential in implementing its Strategies and Actions.

Action 14 requires the GSC, Transport for NSW, Infrastructure NSW, NSW Health, NSW Department of Education and councils to collaboratively develop performance indicators to measure the 10 Directions for Greater Sydney to inform inter-agency, State and local government decision-making.

* Work on the Collaboration Areas in Greater Penrith and Rhodes East has been temporarily placed on hold pending advice from relevant Government agencies on specific issues impacting these areas.

The GSC will coordinate the development of a Performance Monitoring Framework to achieve this. The framework will outline the purpose, description, definitions, data sources and methodology of the performance indicators.

Monitoring and reporting on actions in the plans and indicators will be undertaken as part of the GSC's new online hub. This will consist of three components: actions; performance monitoring; and contextual indicators.

Western Sydney City Deal

On 4 March 2018, the Prime Minister, NSW Premier and Mayors of the Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly councils signed the Western Sydney City Deal.

The GSC will be represented on the Implementation Board and is responsible for the coordination of land use and infrastructure in Western Sydney.

The City Deal lays the foundation for the Western City District's transformation and delivery of key elements of the Australian Government's *Smart Cities Plan*, the GSC's *Western City District Plan*, and the *Future Transport 2056* strategy. Over the next 20 years the Western Sydney City Deal will drive the creation of the Western Parkland City.

The Western Sydney Airport and Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis will be catalysts for a strong economy to grow and the Western Parkland City to be one of the most connected places in Australia. People will be connected to the city's metropolitan cluster and strategic centres by an efficient public transport system, and to the rest of the country and world by the Western Sydney Airport.

Global investment and innovation will thrive in the Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis. Smart jobs will spread through the growing education, health and industry precincts and employment hubs in areas such as Liverpool, Penrith and Campbelltown. The region's strategic centres – Richmond, Windsor, St Marys, Narellan, Katoomba, Fairfield and Leppington – will also benefit from new jobs and investment.

Highlights of the Western Sydney City Deal include:

- realising the 30-minute city by delivering the North South Rail Link
- creating 200,000 jobs by supercharging the Aerotropolis and agribusiness precinct as catalysts
- skilling our residents in the region and initiating an Aerospace Institute
- respecting and building on local character through a \$150 million Liveability Program
- coordination and innovation through a Planning Partnership
- getting on with delivering the Western Parkland City with enduring tri-level governance.

A clear, collaborative and enduring governance arrangement will focus on delivering the Western Parkland City. This includes the involvement of all tiers of government, involvement of local communities through their councils and a consistent and innovative relationship with industry.

An Implementation Plan will be prepared in 2018 clearly showing how the City Deal will be delivered and progress will be measured for each commitment.

GSC site visits with councils across Greater Sydney

The GSC has commenced a series of council site visits to hear and experience first-hand the issues, challenges and opportunities that lie in every local government area of Greater Sydney. These visits are providing valuable insights that will feed into the collaborative work necessary to translate the Greater Sydney Region and District Plans to the truly local level.

2018 Greater Sydney Planning Awards

Nominations for the 2018 Greater Sydney Planning Awards were opened on 9 February 2018.

The awards recognise the importance of placing people at the heart of good planning, acknowledge excellence in planning and recognise bold initiatives that will deliver benefits to communities, productivity and the environment.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural awards, this year's categories align with the GSC's key themes of infrastructure and collaboration, liveability, productivity and sustainability.

The six award categories are:

- great community collaboration
- development supported by infrastructure
- great new place to live and/or work
- planning for jobs and skills
- great sustainability initiative
- The Chief Commissioner's Award.

Nominations have been invited from local authorities, developers, consultants, community groups, government agencies, partnerships and other teams and close on 13 April 2018. The awards ceremony is scheduled for June 2018.