

Greater Sydney Commission Information Note 7

DECLARATION OF THE WESTERN CITY DISTRICT

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What is the Western City District

On 22 September 2017, the Minister for Planning made an Order to declare the Western City District as a district of the Greater Sydney Region.

The declaration combined the former West District and South West District to create the Western City District. It includes the following local government areas:

- Blue Mountains
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Fairfield
- Hawkesbury
- Liverpool
- Penrith
- Wollondilly.



Why has the Western City District been created?

The Greater Sydney Commission identified that the boundary of the former West District and former South West District bisects the Western Sydney Priority Growth Area.

The Commission and the councils within the new Western City District identified that merging the South West and West Districts could provide better outcomes for the Greater Sydney Region. Doing so will mean that the objectives sought through the following can be unified into a single planning District:

- Western Sydney City Deal
- Western Sydney Airport and Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis
- the South West, North West, Western Sydney Airport Priority Growth Areas
- a potential new Greater Penrith to St Marys Priority Growth Area Investigation
- the proposed major transport corridors
- South Creek Corridor.

What has happened to the draft West District Plan and draft South West District Plan?

The submissions and feedback received on the draft West District Plan (November 2016) and draft South West District Plan (November 2016) have been carefully considered in the preparation of a draft Western City District Plan (October 2017).

The new draft Western City District Plan (October 2017) is now on public exhibition seeking public comment.

The exhibition of the draft Western City District Plan (October 2017) means that the draft West District Plan (November 2016) and draft South West District Plan (November 2016) no longer apply and, for the purposes of preparing a planning proposal or for the Strategic Merit Assessment for rezoning reviews under the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's *A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals*, the draft Western City District Plan (October 2017) is the relevant draft District Plan to be considered.

Who is the District Commissioner?

Deputy Chief Commissioner and Economic Commissioner, Geoff Roberts has been appointed as the Interim District Commissioner for the Western City District.

The Commission will work with the councils in the Western City District to identify a suitable permanent District Commissioner to recommend to the Minister for Planning.