

# Minutes

## Commission Meeting

8 August 2023 10.00am - 12.25pm

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

Status of Attendee	Basis for attendance	Official Title	Name
Members	GCC Act, s6(a), “Chief Commissioner”	A/Chief Commissioner (Chair)	Dr Deborah Dearing
	GCC Act, s6(b), “Greater Cities Commissioners”	Social Commissioner	Ms Natalie Walker
		Environment Commissioner	Ms Meg McDonald
		Economic Commissioner	Mr John Lydon
	GCC Act, s6(c), “City Commissioner”	Illawarra – Shoalhaven City Commissioner	Ms Jacki Johnson
		Central River City Commissioner	Mr Peter Poulet
		Western Parkland City Commissioner	Ms Billie Sankovic
		Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle City Commissioner	Mr Matthew Endacott
		Central Coast City Commissioner	The Hon. Robyn Parker
	Members (ex-officio)	GCC Act, s6(d), “ex-officio”	Secretary Department of Planning and Environment
A/Chief Transport planner (delegate for the Secretary, Transport for NSW)			Ms Julie Gee
Executive Director, NSW Treasury (delegate for the Secretary, NSW Treasury)			Ms Cassandra Wilkinson
Standing invitees & guests [internal]	SPC ToR (section 3, Chief Executive Officer & section 4.4 meeting Procedures	Deputy Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment	Mr Marcus Ray
		Chief Executive Officer	Mr Chris Hanger
		Co-Chair, Youth Advisory Panel	Mr Jackson Cocks
		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
		A/Executive Director People and Corporate Services	Mr Steve Thomson
		A/Executive Director, Thought Leadership and Engagement	Ms Lyndal Hayward
		Executive Director Westmead & Macquarie Park Innovation Districts	Ms Liza Noonan
		Director, Westmead Innovation District	Mr Davor Jozic
		Director Central Coast Innovation District	Ms Courtney Molloy
		Board Secretary	Mr Tony DiMauro

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Apologies	Secretary, the Cabinet Office Secretary, Transport for NSW Secretary, NSW Treasury	Mr Peter Duncan Mr Howard Collins Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter
Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair acknowledged that the Full Commission was meeting on the land of the Burramattagal people of the Dharug nation. 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 welcomed the Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment, Ms Kiersten Fishburn to the Commission meeting, noting the apologies from the other ex-officio members whilst advising 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	<p>The Chief Commissioner updated the members of the Full Commission on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission's recent visit to the Greater Hunter and Lower Newcastle and Central Coast cities, with engagement functions at both visits incorporating stakeholders from local government, tertiary institutions, local land councils and medical research institutes.</li> <li>Significant progress on the Six Cities Region Plan and the Commission's approach in preparation of a Strategic Framework document for each of the City Plans, has included cross agency input, workshops with councils and peak reference groups with key city stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to note</b> the Chief Commissioner's verbal updates.</p>	
Item 2: CEO's Report including - First Nations Advisory Panel - Youth Advisory Panel Updates.	<p>Mr Hanger provided an update and overview on the next steps for progressing of the Draft Six Cities Region Plan which included NSW Government approvals processes required to support an exhibition period later this year and finalisation in the new year. The individual draft City Plans for Greater Sydney are proposed to proceed alongside the draft Region Plan and the three regional cities are to be progress in early 2024 for exhibition. .</p> <p>Ms Natalie Walker as chair of the Commission's First Nations Advisory Panel advised of the Panel's activities, which included ensuring a First Nations perspective across each of the modules of the Six Cities Region Plan.</p> <p>Mr Jackson Cocks as co-chair of the Commission's Youth Advisory Panel outlined the focus of the Panel, which included insights into the results from the recent Commission's youth survey, focus on First Nations youth representation in the cities, input into the thematic modules of the Six Cities Region Plan, and proposed involvement during the Six Cities Region Plan exhibition period.</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner thanked both Panel chairs for the update.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to note</b> the CEO's and Panel verbal updates.</p>	
Item 3: Draft Six Cities Region Plan 2051 incl. Draft Strategic Framework of the City Plans	Mr Mulvey spoke to the tabled draft Six Cities Region Plan ahead of its submission to the Minister and subsequent consideration by NSW Government for its release for public exhibition.	

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Mr Mulvey outlined for the Commission:

- The statutory framework, including the legislative review of the 2018 Greater Sydney Region Plan leading to the drafting of the Six Cities Region Plan, the role of City Plans and the approach to housing and jobs targets and infrastructure priorities at the city level.
- The nine thematic chapters and policy areas that support the vision for the Six Cities Region to 2051.
- The role of the individual city strategic frameworks in telling the narrative and vision for each city, summarising key elements of the how the City Plans support delivery of the draft Region Plan.

Discussion and feedback from the Commission included:

- Ongoing engagement with state agencies on the alignment of jobs, housing and infrastructure, greater emphasis on making great places and the delivery of housing diversity. transition of jobs and related productivity outcomes.
- Status of infrastructure priorities and further targeted engagement with Transport for NSW, Department of Planning and Environment and NSW Treasury including interface with infrastructure reviews and emerging Housing and Productivity Fund governance.

Subject to the requested changes and caveats noted through the discussion, the Commission member agencies were supportive of the draft Six Cities Region Plan and Strategic Framework for the City Plans.

The Commission **resolved**:

- i.) **that subject to amendments outlined in the discussion, to Endorse** the draft Six Cities Region Plan 2051 (V20230802) to be presented to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (Minister), with a request to seek Cabinet approval to exhibit the draft Six Cities Region Plan in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- ii.) **to Approve** the package of documents covering key aspects of the City Plans (for noting) that will accompany the submission to Cabinet for the draft Six Cities Region Plan, comprising:
  - a) the draft indicative City Plan Strategic Frameworks,
  - b) draft housing targets and employment land information notes, and
  - c) draft content on housing, jobs, and infrastructure (Part B of draft City Plans).
- iii.) **to Note** that the submission to Cabinet of the draft Six Cities Region Plan will be updated to respond to any relevant policy matters determined through concurrent Government processes, including the State budget, and State and Commonwealth reviews of infrastructure priorities, as well as minor editorial changes required to improve readability and presentation.
- iv.) **to Note** that subject to Cabinet consideration and approval to exhibit, the Full Commission meeting on 26 September 2023 will need to consider, the:

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- a) draft Six Cities Region Plan will be presented for noting prior to exhibition, and
  - b) approval will be sought for concurrent exhibition of the final draft City Plans for the Eastern Harbour City, Central River City, Western Parkland City and draft Strategic Frameworks for the Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle City, Central Coast City and Illawarra-Shoalhaven City, and suite of LGA-level housing targets.
- v.) to **Note** that a paper to seek approval to exhibit the draft City Plans for the Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle, Central Coast, and Illawarra-Shoalhaven is to be considered by the Full Commission in early 2024.
- vi.) to **Note** the legislative review of the *Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities* (2018) was considered by the Strategic Planning Committee in July 2023, and the review has informed the preparation of the draft Six Cities Region Plan alongside agency, stakeholder, and community engagement, including feedback on the Six Cities Discussion Paper (2022).
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## Item 4: Six Cities Benefits Framework and Housing Investment Logic Map

Mr Hanger provided the Full Commission with an update on the work underway to support the Six Cities benefits framework. The EY Port Jackson Partners report estimated the potential economic value of multi-city coordination with a focus on uplift in GVA per capita, noting other benefits such as improved social and environmental outcomes and improved equity were more complex to quantify in economic terms.

The Commission has progressed work to cross-check the estimated benefits against how and to what extent the Six Cities Region Plan strategies support increases in GVA, through the development of Investment Logic Maps for each individual City and development of a Benefits Realisation Framework. Work has also progressed on alternative spatial scenarios for the Six Cities Region across a 20-year horizon.

The Full Commission **resolved to:**

- i. **Note** the Six Cities Benefits and Strategies Report produced by EY Port Jackson Partners (PJP).
  - ii. **Note** the work underway to develop investment logic maps (ILM) and benefits realisation frameworks (BRF) for each Region Plan module.
  - iii. **Note** the rapid cost benefit analysis (CBA) of alternative spatial scenarios underway for the Six Cities Region.
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## Item 5.1: Innovation Districts: Westmead Economic Development Roadmap

Mr Jozic tabled for the Commission the gold version of the Westmead Innovation District Economic Development Roadmap, in preparation for the targeted public release later this year, noting NSW Health concerns around MoG change impacts on delivery around the district's identity and significant external stakeholder expectations of the Roadmap's release.

The Roadmap promotes an updated economic vision, highlighting the jobs and economic focus, and outlines key strategic priorities for collaborative action to

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	<p>guide the next phase of the District's growth. The Roadmap remains subject to Cabinet approval.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Endorse</b> the gold version of the Westmead Innovation District Economic Development Roadmap in <b>Attachment A</b> for finalisation and public release later this year following finalisation of NSW Health discussions and Cabinet approval.</li> <li>ii. <b>Note</b> the extensive consultation process undertaken with partner NSW Government agencies, in the development of the Roadmap and recommendations.</li> <li>iii. <b>Note</b> the remaining outstanding matters with NSW Health, including impacts of delivery with Machinery of Government changes, resourcing, and concerns around the proposed District naming.</li> <li>iv. <b>Note</b> the significant external stakeholder expectations and reputational risks if there are significant delays in the Roadmap's release.</li> </ol>
Item 5.2: Innovation Districts: Central Coast Strategy for Economic Growth	<p>Ms Molloy spoke to the report providing an update on work by the Greater Cities Commission and the delivery agencies to deliver actions under the Strategy.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Note</b> the update on implementation of the <i>Central Coast Strategy for Economic Growth</i>.</li> <li>ii. <b>Note</b> the impact of diverting Economic Growth Strategy implementation funding to the 2023 election commitment, to progress the Gosford Waterfront Project.</li> </ol>
Item 6: GCC Community Participation Plan	<p>Ms Hayward provided the Full Commission with the 2023 Community Participation Plan, detailing the mandatory requirements for community participation with which the Commission must comply when exercising its functions during the public exhibition period.</p> <p>The Full Commission <b>resolved to Endorse</b> the 2023 Community Participation Plan as final for publication.</p>
Item 7: Other Business	<p>City Commissioner of the Illawarra–Shoalhaven City, Ms Jacki Johnson, informed the Committee of the release of the inaugural report by the Insurance Council of Australia and Master Builders Australia reports in Building a Future Resilient and Sustainable future in the building and construction industry. The reports are available on the websites of both entities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au">www.insurancecouncil.com.au</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.masterbuilders.com.au">www.masterbuilders.com.au</a></p>
Upcoming meetings	<p>The Chair confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 26 September 2023. There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.25pm.</p>

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair at the meeting of the Commission on the 26 September 2023

Dr Deborah Dearing  
A/Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Commission