

Regional Planning Monitoring Report

2019

Central Coast





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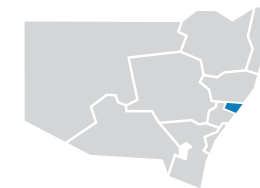
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Coastal housing in The Entrance, NSW.

Introduction



The NSW Government continues to focus on growing regional economies and communities, delivering catalyst projects to achieve these outcomes.

The Regional Plans

The Regional Plans were developed to guide planning for the existing and future community's needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure and a healthy environment. These plans set a clear vision and direction for how each region can leverage future opportunities to ensure their communities remain vibrant and dynamic.

The Regional Plans provide an overarching framework, to coordinating a whole of government approach to land use planning decisions and priorities across the State. To achieve their vision, the Regional Plans are structured around a number of goals, directions and actions. The actions in the Regional Plans are identified as either immediate actions (0-2 years), short term (3-5 years), medium term (5-10 years) or long term and are implemented as strategies or as initiatives. The NSW Government has identified a lead agency and relevant partners and priority for each action.

The lead agency is responsible for project managing the various tasks required to ensure the success of each action.

Governance

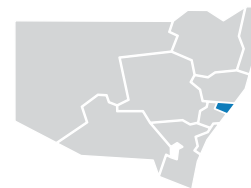
Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees, including the Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation, have been established to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Regional Plan and bring together agencies and organisations responsible for delivering the majority of the outcomes. The Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees meet regularly, drive delivery of the plan and identify priorities for implementation.

The Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees are operations focused and membership includes delegates from local government, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Health, Department of Education and Transport for NSW. The Committees are also supported by outcome specific groups that bring together appropriate representatives from government, industry and community to provide advice on particular issues or projects.

Purpose

The *Regional Planning Monitoring Report 2019* details the work undertaken by the NSW Government, local councils and other stakeholders to implement the Regional Plans. The report outlines the key achievements around delivering on the goals, directions and actions of each Regional Plan with a particular focus on the priorities that have been agreed with the Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees in each region. The report outlines the work plan that will be progressed over the next 12 months to deliver the goals of each region across the State.

Highlights



Revitalisation of Gosford City Centre

The NSW Government delivered:

- Gosford City Centre Urban Design Framework
- Gosford City Centre State Environmental Planning Policy 2018
- Gosford City Centre Special Contributions Plan 2018
- Gosford City Centre Development Control Plan 2018.
- 600+ residents surveyed on their views about Gosford's revitalisation
- 83% of the people surveyed as part of the Go Gosford Campaign thought the revitalisation of Gosford was important.
- Established a new development assessment framework for development with a capital investment value of greater than \$10 million within Gosford City Centre.
- 90% of people surveyed as part of the Go Gosford Campaign thought the revitalisation of Gosford was good for the broader Central Coast.

- 194 submissions received on the Gosford City Centre Consultation Paper and Proposed Delivery Mechanisms.
- Established the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation.
- Established the City of Gosford Design Advisory Panel and supporting Design Reference Group to ensure the design excellence is achieved for development within Gosford City Centre.
- The panel has advised on 8 proposals with development inquiries received for over \$1.6 billion dollars of investment since the new planning framework was established.
- Up to \$42 million of NSW Government funding allocated for much-needed upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure in Gosford City Centre.
- The Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation has commenced construction of the \$10 million upgrade to Leagues Club Field.

Aboriginal Land Framework

Launch of the *Aboriginal Land Framework*, a comprehensive set of planning measures to assist Local Aboriginal Land Councils across NSW to achieve better economic outcomes from their land, meet the objectives of State level planning policy, and strengthen the economic self-determination of Aboriginal communities.

The new State Environmental Planning Policy (Aboriginal Land) 2019, Ministerial Direction and Planning Circular and Interim Darkinjung Development Delivery Plan establishes a new process to support delivery of the regional plan action to establish a pipeline of projects for their land.

Southern Growth Corridor Strategy

The *Draft Southern Growth Corridor Strategy* was completed by Central Coast Council and exhibited to the public.

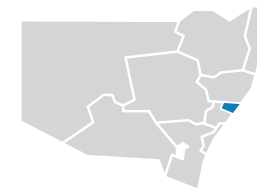
Employment Lands Development Monitor

Updated *Employment Lands Development Monitor* released and multi-agency and Council working group established to identify and address issues affecting the delivery of employment land on the Central Coast.

Housing Supply Snapshot

The NSW Government improved the quality of the Central Coast LGA completions data with new modelling to estimate dwelling completions.

Highlights



Strategic Conservation Planning

- Biodiversity Scoping Report completed to inform the program of Strategic Conservation Planning.
- 918 land owners contacted to gain land access for the ecological survey effort across 3527 hectares of land.
- 192 land owners, approximately 2000 hectares, granted access for ecological survey.
- Targeted surveys undertaken during winter, spring and summer with approximately 1200 hectares of land surveyed to date.



Information Centre

Launch of the Central Coast Regional Plan Information Centre that has to date had nearly 1000 visitors. The Information Centre is a space to engage and inform the public about the implementation of the Regional Plan.



Strategic Planning Toolkit

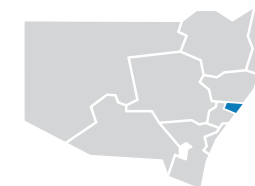
Launch of the Strategic Planning Toolkit on the Department's website, a hub for guidelines and resources to support local councils and planning professionals in plan making.



Land Use West of the M1

- The NSW Government prepared draft Agricultural Land Capability Mapping for the region which is at 1:25,000 scale and is to be combined with industry profiles analysing production, value and export trends for Central Coast.
- Three industry workshops were held in Mangrove Mountain and Ourimbah to gain knowledge of the important agricultural land and industries in the Central Coast.

Priority Actions 2017-19



The NSW Government remains committed to the Central Coast and to the ongoing delivery of initiatives that are making the region a better place for its people, including the implementation of the Regional Plan.

The Central Coast Delivery Coordination and Monitoring Committee (now replaced by the Central Coast Regional Leadership Executive) is responsible for reporting on the implementation of the priorities of the

Regional Plan through seven focus areas. These focus areas best articulate the immediate priorities of the Regional Plan and the project work being undertaken by the team.

A monitoring report was published for the Central Coast in the 2017 and 2018 implementation years. These highlight the key achievements of the first two years of implementation for the Regional Plan relating to the focus areas.

Copies of the reports are available at the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.

This report provides an update on progress towards implementing the Regional Plan priorities and reflects on the key achievements in the first 2 years of implementation.

Focus Area 1: Northern and Southern Growth Corridor

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Northern Growth Corridor Strategy.	✓	✓	-	-	-	2021
Southern Growth Corridor Strategy.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	JUN 2020

Focus Area 2: Land Use Needs West of the M1 Pacific Motorway

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Inter-Agency and Council Working Group.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	On-going
Primary Production and Rural Development State Environmental Planning Policy Review.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Important Agricultural Lands Mapping and Report.	✓	✓	-	-	-	DEC 2020
Inter-Agency and Council Action Plan.	✓	✓	✓	-	-	JUN 2020

Focus Area 3: Housing and Employment Land Supply Acceleration

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Housing and Employment Supply Snapshot.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Planning Proposals Audit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Residential Land Supply Audit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Region wide Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan.	✓	-	-	-	-	Date pending
Employment Lands Development Monitor.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed

Focus Area 4: Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council Strategic Assessment

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Darkinjung delivery framework.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Implement the Darkinjung delivery framework.	✓	-	-	-	-	On-going
Progression of existing Planning Proposals.	✓	-	-	-	-	On-going
Aboriginal Land Agreement.	✓	✓	-	-	-	JUN 2020

Focus Area 5: Revitalisation of Gosford City Centre

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Gosford City Centre Urban Design Framework.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Gosford City Centre State Environmental Planning Policy 2018.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Gosford City Centre Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2018.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Gosford City Centre Development Control Plan 2018.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Establish City of Gosford Design Advisory Panel.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Establish Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed

Focus Area 6: Build capacity of Central Coast Council to deliver the Regional Plan

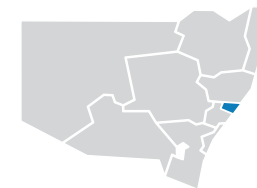
Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Urban Design Guide for Regional NSW.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	MAR 2020
Central Coast digital mapping Environmental Planning Instrument mapping pilot project.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Strategic Planning Toolkit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed

Focus Area 7: Strategic Biodiversity

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Strategic Conservation Planning Scoping Report.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Ecological Survey	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	JUN 2020
Planning Audit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed

Our work plan 2019-20

to implement the Central Coast Regional Plan



The *Central Coast Implementation Plan 2018-2020* was launched in November 2018. It is the second two-year implementation plan to ensure accountability to realise the vision of the Regional Plan. The *Central Coast Implementation Plan 2018-2020* sets the agenda of activities for the next two years to ensure Regional Plan outcomes are achieved.

While the priorities for 2018-2020 have been adjusted towards the next phase of planning for the region's growth and change to 2036, these are activities from 2016-2018 implementation period that will continue. Below is a summary of those activities:

Focus Area 1

Finalise the Southern Growth Corridor Strategy

Focus Area 2

Deliver Important Agricultural Lands Mapping and Report

Finalise the Inter-Agency and Council Action Plan for lands west of the M1 Pacific Motorway

Focus Area 3

Establish the Central Coast Special Infrastructure Contribution framework

Focus Area 4

Implement the Darkinjung Delivery Framework

Focus Area 5

Implement the new planning framework for Gosford City Centre

Focus Area 6

Deliver pilot digital environmental planning instrument mapping for Central Coast Consolidated Local Environmental Plan

Focus Area 7

Coordinate Strategic Conservation Planning in the region