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## The Hon Frank Sartor MP

*Minister for Planning*

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*Minister for the Arts*

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### **VISION FOR LIVERPOOL DELIVERED: NEW JOBS, LINKS TO RIVER**

**NSW State Plan Priority E5:** Jobs closer to home

**NSW State Plan Priority E6:** Housing affordability

**NSW State Plan Priority E4:** Better environment outcomes

**NSW State Plan Priority E8:** More people using parks, sporting and recreational facilities

The NSW Government has delivered a 25-year vision for Liverpool which will generate 15,000 new jobs in the city centre and stronger links with the river.

Planning Minister Frank Sartor thanked the community for its input into the Cities Taskforce project, to build a strong network of regional cities outside of the Sydney CBD.

Plans have been exhibited for Liverpool, Penrith and Parramatta; as well as Wollongong, Gosford and Newcastle.

“Earlier this year we began implementing Premier Morris Iemma’s vision for new job and housing opportunities and more open space,” Mr Sartor said.

“We wanted to make these great cities in which to live, work and play.”

The Department of Planning, with input from Liverpool City Council, developed four key draft documents which were released for community comment.

The LEP is an important element, along with a City Centre Vision, a Development Control Plan and a Civic Improvement Plan.

All four documents have now been finalised, including the new Local Environmental Plan which was gazetted on Friday.

Liverpool City Council Administrator Gabrielle Kibble welcomed the finalisation of the Liverpool City Centre Plan.

“The City Centre Plan outlines a new vision for the Liverpool CBD which prepares for the challenges ahead and builds on the centre’s strengths in health and education as well as providing lifestyle and economic opportunities,” she said.

“The plan also incorporates Council’s commitment to turn Liverpool into a river city again by unlocking the potential of the Georges River Corridor to create a significant recreational, cultural and heritage precinct.

“Council supports the NSW Government’s initiatives in the Metropolitan Strategy to focus on regional city centres around Sydney such as Liverpool, to drive local economies and improve public domain,” Mrs Kibble said.

Member for Liverpool Paul Lynch said the plans for Liverpool would help to achieve important State Plan priorities, including encouraging more people to use parks, sporting and recreational facilities.

“It will also help to improve housing affordability and increase the number of people living within 30 minutes of a city or major centre by public transport in metropolitan Sydney,” Mr Lynch said.

“Around 4,500 workers now travel from Liverpool every day to work in the Sydney CBD – but this 25 year vision means more people can live and work locally.”

Key elements of the city centre plan include:

- 15,000 new jobs by 2031, driven by expanding business, health and professional services sectors;
- 12,000 new residents in the city centre by 2031;
- reconnecting the city centre to the Georges River, with pedestrian and vehicle access between the southern city centre and Casula Powerhouse Art Gallery;
- regenerating Bigge, Pioneers Memorial and Light Horse parks;
- beautifying the city centre with more trees and public art;
- preserving important heritage assets, including the Liverpool Railway Station and Francis Greenway-designed St Luke’s Church; and
- reinforcing the importance of the Macquarie Mall as the active pedestrian heart of the city.

The Liverpool LEP has undergone some minor changes following public exhibition including reducing the maximum building height control for properties along Macquarie Street from 21 to 18 metres.

This change was made to ensure that the street including the pedestrian mall maintains a high level of solar access and visual amenity.