



## **FACT SHEET**

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### **HOW THE SYDNEY–CANBERRA CORRIDOR REGIONAL STRATEGY WILL HELP QUEANBEYAN**

#### **Employment**

- The Strategy targets 11,250 new jobs in the Queanbeyan City local government area (LGA) over the period to 2031. Increases are expected in the areas of retail and government services, logistics, warehousing and transport, manufacturing and health and aged care.
- This growth will be supported by identifying additional employment generating lands close to the major regional centre of Queanbeyan. An additional 130 hectares of employment land will be provided at South Jerrabomberra.
- Queanbeyan provides opportunities in the southern subregion for retail and business services, with the additional locational advantages of Canberra Airport and residential and commercial/retail areas both with good rail and road access.
- Queanbeyan is also increasing its importance as a location for government services and facilities, which is reflected by recent decisions in the State Infrastructure Strategy for the redevelopment of Queanbeyan Hospital and the construction of a new State Government office block in the city.
- Queanbeyan City Council will be required to protect regionally significant employment lands to help guarantee local employment for the future.

#### **Housing**

- The Regional Strategy identifies the need for 10,000 new dwellings in Queanbeyan. This represents approximately 10% of the expected growth for Canberra and Queanbeyan.
- The Strategy identifies that capacity to meet this demand will be provided through a number of greenfield development sites at Googong and South Jerrabomberra.
- Through local planning measures, the future housing mix will be better matched to the needs of smaller households and aged residents.

#### **Environment and Resources**

- The Regional Strategy gives effect to agreements between the ACT and NSW Governments regarding the supply of water in the southern subregion.
- New residential development in Queanbeyan is contingent on a secure water supply. Arrangements for the supply of water are currently being negotiated with the ACT Government.

#### **Transport and Infrastructure**

- Regional infrastructure requirements listed in the State Infrastructure Strategy are included in the Sydney–Canberra Corridor Regional Strategy, to align growth and infrastructure.

- The Regional Strategy and planning processes for new residential areas in Queanbeyan recognise the need for cross border funding of infrastructure, particularly road upgrades.
- The State Infrastructure Strategy has included the duplication of Lanyon Road between Tomsitt Drive and the ACT border, which will support population growth in Queanbeyan.

#### **Interaction with the ACT**

- For Queanbeyan and the southern subregion, water is currently supplied to existing and future urban areas under the terms of the ACT–NSW Cross Border Agreements on Water Resources and Settlement. (The ACT has been given control over water in the Region to protect the ongoing role of Canberra as the nation's capital).
- These two Agreements also contain the principles under which the ACT will supply water to new urban areas such as those proposed for Googong and South Jerrabomberra.
- The Regional Strategy is the key NSW implementation mechanism for this settlement and water supply process, and is the NSW input into the Cross Border Settlement Strategy currently being negotiated with the ACT.
- The Regional Strategy supports Queanbeyan City Council's Residential and Economic Strategy which was endorsed by the NSW Minister for Planning in April 2007.
- The Council's endorsed strategy identifies the need to create the capacity to accommodate growth of an additional 10,000 dwellings, 130 hectares of employment lands and the provision of appropriate supporting infrastructure such as roads, community facilities and water supply.