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Introduction

The department is committed to providing stakeholders with a forward plan of programs of work being undertaken. This is the third edition of the Planning and Public Spaces Outlook and provides an overview of what to expect from the department in terms of public consultation on planning reform initiatives and other major programs of work for the upcoming six months.

This Outlook provides:

- An ‘In the spotlight’ section, which highlights some key deliverables across the Planning Delivery Unit, the suite of communication channels the department uses to communicate with stakeholders and planning reform targets and achievements.
- An overview of ongoing programs of work and their expected outcomes and timelines
- A summary of progress made from July to September 2021, which demonstrates the quantity of work being delivered in collaboration and partnership with stakeholders
- A snapshot of key activities across all programs of work with the aim of providing you with an overview of the pipeline of upcoming consultation work at a glance
- Some short case studies of the projects that have been delivered through our grant programs

We hope this Outlook continues to assist stakeholders to plan resources in advance of consultation and that it is shared with teams and members. We also welcome any feedback on ways it can be enhanced. Should you have any questions about the initiatives in this document, please contact the Stakeholder Engagement and Economic Recovery team at the department on stakeholder.engagement@planning.nsw.gov.au

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In the spotlight

The Planning Delivery Unit – clearing the decks

An initiative of the Planning Reform Action Plan, the Planning Delivery Unit (PDU) is creating more certainty and transparency in the planning system.

Known for getting things done – the PDU promotes efficiency, reduces backlogs and keeps the pipeline of projects moving. The team works with councils, agencies, and developers, to help clear roadblocks through advice and mediation, and supports investors to navigate the system.

Created in July 2020, for the first 12 months, the PDU has made a difference to 416 projects through negotiating, case management and ongoing assistance. These projects are worth $57.5 billion to the NSW economy.

Connecting with industry: The Planning Concierge is currently working with 25 major developers and this list continues to grow. Collaborating with major developers, agencies and other parts of the department, the Concierge helps to identify and resolve issues early.

Mundamia Residential Subdivision in Shoalhaven: Helped revolve issues faced since 2008 via collaboration and action planning. Satisfying conditions to give the subdivision the green light, it will create 308 new homes, 20 jobs and a CIV value of $10.5m.

Clearing system blockages and injecting certainty for faster decisions

Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy: Case management and transport modelling to kickstart the revitalisation of the corridor - create 27,000 new homes and 50,000 new jobs, totalling over $30 billion in investment over 25 years.

Agreeing a path for the Wilton Growth Area: Worked with the RFS and Wollondilly Council to agree a staged, risk-based approach to development for up to 15,000 new homes.

Creating new homes and jobs across the state

North West Catalyst Area Project: Resolving transport infrastructure issues for Lake Macquarie City Council, agencies and developers - unlocking 6,000 new jobs and 4,000 new homes to be developed over the next 20 years.

St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan: Assisting to unlock 6,800 new homes.

Calderwood development in Shoalhaven: Assisting to unlock 6,000 new homes.

Mt Penang Employment Precinct: Assisting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to deliver an integrated transport plan to unlock the precinct and create 3,000 jobs.

Pinning Beach Subdivision: Facilitated the resolution of access issues for Lake Macquarie together with RFS and TfNSW, with the subdivision to result in 410 lots with a CIV of $58.2m.

Collaborating with, and supporting investors, councils and agencies

Connecting with 128 councils:
To identify their individual needs and build their capacity.

Securing $4.8m worth of grants:
For 95 regional stakeholders and Lord Howe Island to get them on the planning portal by 1 July 2021.

Click here for more information about the PDU.

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Keeping stakeholders informed

Along with this quarterly Planning and Public Spaces Outlook, the department also releases a bi-monthly Planning Update Stakeholder Newsletter and has most recently released a fortnightly Planning and Public Spaces Bulletin. Delivered by the department’s Stakeholder Engagement and Economic Recovery Team, the three publications are designed to keep stakeholders informed of the wider program of works the department is undertaking, whilst serving different purposes.

Planning and Public Spaces Outlook

Delivered quarterly to stakeholders and offering an overview of the scope of work being delivered by the department, it provides stakeholders a forward planning summary of programs of work and initiatives, case studies on projects delivered through grant programs and a snapshot pipeline calendar. It is a great tool to help plan for consultation requirements and resource allocation. It is highly encouraged that the Outlook is shared amongst teams and members.

Planning Update – Stakeholder Newsletter

Released bi-monthly, it is distributed to 28,000 stakeholders of various interests, who would like to receive updates about important planning and public spaces initiatives the department is undertaking. This is a good update to receive to understand at a high level what the department priorities are. Anybody can sign up to the Newsletter by completing and submitting the webform.

Planning and Public Spaces Bulletin

Delivered fortnightly on a Monday, the Planning and Public Spaces Bulletin is a new way the department will communicate with stakeholders. Whilst stakeholders should still expect to receive some policy specific communication from the department, the Bulletin aims to reduce the quantity of bespoke policy and program communication that stakeholders have been receiving, by releasing need to know tactical updates on a fortnightly basis, across the planning and public spaces environment. It is highly encouraged that the Bulletin is shared amongst teams and members.

If you have any questions about the Outlook, Newsletter or Bulletin, please contact the Stakeholder Engagement and Economic Recovery team at the department on stakeholder.engagement@planning.nsw.gov.au.

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Planning reform targets and achievements

Driving planning reform in NSW

The planning system continues to be a key lever for the NSW Government in response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and to keep the economy moving.

The Planning Reform Action Plan was introduced to deliver a better planning system for NSW.

Delivered in collaboration with stakeholders, these planning reforms represent long-term change and have been designed to create a transparent, faster and more certain planning system, with a central focus of the reform to make it easier for everyone to navigate the planning system, and to slash assessment times.

The department has prioritised and resourced this action plan, and in the last financial year has established the Planning Delivery Unit (PDU), the Surge Team to provide additional resources to teams and stakeholders, and the Process Improvement Team to identify improvements to the planning system.

Three-year assessment reduction targets

The department has established three-year assessment reduction targets, to be realised by 30 June 2023.

Planning proposals

- from 571 days to 380 days = 33% reduction

Regionally significant developments

- from 366 days to 275 days = 25% reduction

Major projects

- from 120 days to 100 days = 17% reduction

FY2021 achievements

FY2021 assessment reduction achievements.

Planning proposals

- Year-one target – 542 days
  Achievement – 445 days

Regionally significant developments

- Year-one target – 348 days
  Achievement – 350 days*

Major projects

- Year-one target – 116 days
  Achievement – 113 days

* Includes LEC matters. Excluding matters, time reduction achievement was 315 days

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Benefit to the economy

During FY2021, 1,071 projects were approved:

- **422** Major projects
- **355** Regionally significant developments
- **310** Planning proposals
- **4** Other projects*

These project approvals equate to:

- **176,532** jobs
- **67,958** dwellings
- **$65.1 billion** Capital investment value

Many of the programs of work that follow in this Outlook, and which contribute to the Planning Reform Action Plan continue to drive long-term change to the NSW planning system.

* Includes Planning System Acceleration Program SEPPs and rezoning proposals
Major planning reforms and other important initiatives

Priority Assessment Program

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| The Priority Assessment Program, which impacts medium term State Significant Developments, State Significant Infrastructure and planning proposals will identify, prioritise and case manage public or private sector projects with lead times of up to two years for delivery through the planning system. A three-stage selection process determines the projects selected for inclusion in this program. A Service Charter governing the delivery of the project is then agreed between the department and the proponent. | • Better strategic alignment with State priorities  
• Commitments from the proponent on the quality of the proposal, and of the information submitted in support of the assessment  
• Higher quality urban design or sustainability | The program allows the economic and public benefits of the Planning System Acceleration Program to be expanded to projects that are very early in their assessment and will be progressed to construction over the coming 6 to 24 months. | July: NSW Government approval was provided on 26 July for the new metro line to service Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and interchanging with the T1 Western Line at St Marys  
September: Project Energy Connect (NSW – Western Section) was determined by the NSW Government |

We are also implementing the Horizon Program to bring new momentum to the department’s everyday assessment activity. The department will publish the major projects and planning proposals it expects to determine each month.

| | Support economic growth  
• Support jobs creation  
• Deliver public benefits | Over the next three years the department will cut assessment timeframes and unblock projects stuck in the system as active management of projects becomes “business as usual.” | During the quarter, 32 projects were announced and approved equating to over $2.7 billion in economic benefits, and nearly 15,700 jobs. |

Click here for more information about the Priority Assessment Program

Click here for more information about Horizon Projects

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Reducing assessment timeframes – planning proposals

To further support the reduction of planning proposal assessment timeframes and streamline processes, we are working on a range of planning proposal process improvements. These include:

- Developing Local Plan Making Guidelines to replace current Planning Proposal and Local Environment Plan Guidelines, to provide clearer guidance to councils and proponents
- Reviewing the Plan Making delegations to streamline the gateway and determination process to ensure appropriate decision making relative to the complexity and sensitivity of the planning proposal
- Working with stakeholders to develop key improvements to the planning proposal process and ensure improved collaboration and additional guidance for determining planning proposals
- Improvements related to mapping and legal process finalisation
- Improving our internal processes to help streamline the process
- Reviewing how to improve the way the department and councils work with agencies and authorities, including how to ensure that there are clearer expectations of all parties
- Updating rezoning review processes to provide clarity to the process and streamline

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<td>Faster rezoning processes with an average of 380 days from lodgement to finalisation</td>
<td><strong>October - January 2022:</strong> Consult with councils and industry through regular contact and stakeholder meetings</td>
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<td>Implementing best practice process and timeframes to streamline processes</td>
<td><strong>November - December:</strong> Updated Planning Circular on Independent reviews of plan making decisions and Practice Note on Classification and reclassification of public land</td>
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<td>Ensure adequate assessment and quality outcomes</td>
<td><strong>December - January 2022:</strong> Publication of updated Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline document for use by councils and practitioners</td>
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<td>Strategic alignment with policy</td>
<td><strong>January - February 2023:</strong> Improvements to the rezoning review process included in the new Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline</td>
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<td>Increased efficiency in the process with clear roles and responsibilities</td>
<td><strong>September - October 2023:</strong> Continue working with councils and other stakeholders on planning proposal process improvements and case management, to support the three-year target reduction of planning proposal assessment timeframes by 33%, to 380 days. By 30 June 2023 (The FY21 assessment reduction target was 542 days and 445 days was achieved)</td>
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<td>Eliminating unnecessary complexity in the processes for planning proposals</td>
<td><strong>January - February 2023:</strong> Improved transparency of the process and roles of stakeholders</td>
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<td>Increasing transparency of the process and roles of stakeholders</td>
<td><strong>January - February 2023:</strong> Streamlined rezoning review process</td>
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Over the three months, the department has undertaken:

- **July:** An online survey to assist with the preparation of best practice processes, procedures and timeframes for improving the planning proposal process. We received 110 responses from 72 councils across NSW
- **July - August:** One on one discussions with councils and industry to understand their views on joint exhibition of infrastructure contributions and planning proposals to support the recommendations of the productivity commission
- **July - August:** Discussions with planning panel members to clarify definition of strategic merit and improve the rezoning review process
- **July - August:** Consultation with over 25 state agencies to explore opportunities for streamlined process and earlier engagement
- **July - August:** Analyse data and consultation with planning panels
- **August:** Publication of revised Instrument of Delegation for Plan Making Functions

We encourage stakeholders to reach out to us to share great ideas on how we can improve the planning proposal system.
Reducing assessment timeframes – major projects assessment framework

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<td>There are multiple streams of work underway that will improve the experience of lodging and assessing a major project – State Significant Development or Infrastructure. A major part of this work is the Rapid Assessment Framework. Launched on 1 July 2021, it is a suite of system improvements that will:</td>
<td>• Refined, streamlined, and reduced timeframes for major project assessments • Clear guidance for preparing EISs, undertaking engagement and assessing social and cumulative impacts for major projects • Formal quality assurance measures for major project EISs by accredited practitioners</td>
<td><strong>1 October:</strong> Commencement of industry-specific SEARs and new SSD and SSI guidelines and major project technical guidelines including undertaking engagement, cumulative impact assessment and social impact assessment • Contributing to the three-year target reduction in average assessment timeframes by 17%, to 100 days, by 30 June 2023 (The FY21 assessment reduction target was 116 days and 113 days was achieved)</td>
<td>During this time the department has: • Conducted targeted engagement with key stakeholders following the commencement of the framework • Updated the department’s website to align with new SSD and SSI assessment guidelines • Updated the major projects website in line with the new framework • Continued engagement with REAP scheme organisations to support the growing pool of certified REAPs</td>
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<td>• Increase the efficiency of major project assessments, speed up assessment timeframes, and improve quality, engagement and customer service • Provide clear guidance on environmental impact assessment and introduce a Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioners (REAP) scheme to provide quality assurance for environmental impact statements (EISs)</td>
<td>Click here for more information about Rapid Assessment Framework</td>
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<td>Changes to planning panel reforms were introduced on 1 August 2020, with the aim of improving the assessment and determination times of regionally significant development applications (RSDA).</td>
<td>• Economic stimulation</td>
<td>• The department has set a three-year target of achieving a reduction in assessment timeframes of 25% to 275 days by 30 June 2023 (The FY21 assessment reduction target was 348 days and 350 days was achieved)*</td>
<td>The department has worked with councils and other stakeholders to achieve:</td>
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<td>These changes were designed to enhance the operations of Sydney and regional planning panels and included:</td>
<td>• Increased efficiencies in determinations and processes</td>
<td>• This includes LEC matters. Excluding matters, time reduction achievement was 315 days</td>
<td>• 89 projects determined, removing 29,529 days from the system since July 2021</td>
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<td>• improved efficiencies and streamlining processes and panel performance measures</td>
<td>• Reduction in assessment timeframes</td>
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<td>• Strategically brought forward 14 legacy projects over 500 days old since July 2021</td>
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<td>• greater consistency between local, Sydney district and regional planning panels</td>
<td>• Reduced holding costs</td>
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<td>• Fast track the assessment of certain development types</td>
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<td>• providing greater applicant and community certainty</td>
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<td>• Assisting in stakeholder behavioural change to increase efficiency</td>
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<td>A planning system with reduced legacy RSDAs is one better positioned to take a more strategic, holistic and long-term approach in assessing regionally significant projects that deliver better places, the most public good and economic and jobs stimulus.</td>
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<td>• Strengthening the use of the Planning Portal data and analytics for project intervention</td>
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Click here for more information about Planning Panel reforms
## Housing SEPP

### Program

A proposed new State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) aims to facilitate the delivery of diverse housing that meets the needs of the State’s growing population and support the development of a build-to-rent sector.

The proposed Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing SEPP) would consolidate five current SEPPs and update some planning provisions in response to community and council concerns about boarding house and seniors housing development.

New diverse housing types – build-to-rent housing, independent living units and co-living – are being introduced to provide more housing options for the people of NSW.

To date, the build-to-rent and LAHC amendments have been made and work is continuing on the remainder of the Housing SEPP.

[Click here for more information about the Housing SEPP](#)

### Expected outcomes

- One consolidated SEPP
- Meeting the future needs of housing in NSW

### Expected timelines

- **November:** Finalised Housing SEPP

### Progress since July

During July and August, the Exhibition of consultation draft of Housing SEPP was open for submissions.
**Design and Place SEPP**

**Program**

The new Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) is part of a broader review of all our SEPPs and aims to simplify and consolidate how to deliver good outcomes for all NSW communities.

The Design and Place SEPP puts place and design quality at the forefront of development. Our shared responsibility to sustain healthy, thriving communities and to respect Country underpins the policy.

The SEPP spans places of all scales, from precincts, significant developments, and buildings to infrastructure and public space.

Click here for more information about the Design and Place SEPP.

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<td>• Stronger design and place outcomes across NSW through a principle-based approach to enable innovation</td>
<td>• Late 2021: Exhibition of draft Design and Place SEPP and guidance material commences</td>
<td>During this time the department conducted:</td>
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<td>• Consolidation of SEPP 65 and BASIX into the Design and Place SEPP</td>
<td>• Consultation with councils, community and industry will occur during exhibition</td>
<td>• Three rounds of consultation with local government</td>
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<td>• Improved consistency and design guidance through a revised Apartment Design Guide and new Design Review and Urban Design Guides</td>
<td>• Q1 2022: Incorporating feedback</td>
<td>• Three rounds of consultation with peak bodies</td>
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<td>• Q2 2022: Finalising the SEPP, guides and tools in response to feedback. SEPP gazetted with commencement deferred by 6 months</td>
<td>• Three rounds of Policy Working Groups with industry covering six aspects of the SEPP:</td>
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<td>• Q2 2022 onwards: Implementation training and support will be provided</td>
<td>• Sustainability &amp; Resilience</td>
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<td>• Q4 2022: SEPP commencement with transitional arrangements</td>
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Infrastructure contributions reform

Program

The NSW Government has accepted all 29 recommendations of the NSW Productivity Commission’s review of Infrastructure Contributions in NSW.

The changes to the infrastructure contributions system will enable more efficient development, providing greater certainty and investment confidence to support housing supply and affordability.

The Local Government rate pegging system is being reviewed to consider population growth. Led by Minister Hancock, it is a critical component of the reformed infrastructure contributions system. The proposed increase in growing councils’ general income will allow councils to fund the general cost of serving a larger population.

The department will continue to support councils and industry in the transition and have released a roadmap setting out the components and timeframes of the reform program. We hope the roadmap will assist councils to plan for future work in the reformed system.

A package of draft material will be on exhibition for feedback from late October.

Click here for more information about Infrastructure Contributions Reforms.

Expected outcomes

• A move towards a principles-based infrastructure contributions system based on certainty, efficiency, simplicity, transparency, and consistency
• Enhanced capacity of councils to support growth
• A balance between efficiency, simplicity, and certainty for local infrastructure contributions
• Development of a stronger funding base for State and regional infrastructure
• A more consistent, transparent, and easy to navigate, digital system
• Better alignment of infrastructure contributions and strategic planning and delivery

Expected timelines

• October: Stakeholder consultation
• Late October: Exhibition of draft package commences and stakeholder consultation continues
• 2021-22: Continued engagement on individual initiatives will take place

Progress since July

Since July, the department has continued to meet with governance committees:

• Implementation Steering Committee - cross agency
• External Advisory Group - meeting monthly with peaks to provide strategic advice and technical expertise
• Agency Reference Group - meeting every six weeks with Transport for NSW, Department of Education, the Ministry of Health and others.

The department has continued consultation through individual and GM briefings with councils and with industry through peak bodies and member meetings.

Technical Working Groups have been established for technical advice on:

• Digital Tools
• State and Regional Contributions
• Land Value Contributions
## Development infrastructure funding

**Program**
The Development Infrastructure Funding programs fund infrastructure that enables or catalyses development in greenfield and urban renewal areas.

The programs aim to build new (and re-new existing) communities and places, including education, open and public space, road, stormwater and water infrastructure.

There are seven development infrastructure programs:

- Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF)
- Low Cost Loans Initiative (LCLI)
- Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP)
- Precinct Support Scheme (PSS)
- Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC)
- Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA)

The combined funding budget is over $2.5b. SIC and VPA is ongoing and self-funded through developer contributions.

In 2020-21, $292.6m was released to support the delivery of 109 projects ($248.9m of which was for councils, 92 projects).

[Click here for more information about Development Infrastructure Funding](#)

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<td>VPA: Completion of project selection and funding commitment for 2021/22</td>
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CASE STUDY: Accelerated infrastructure funding

Hezlett Road upgrade and signalisation – Samantha Riley Drive and Hezlett Road

The Hills Shire Council received a total of $13.9 million in funding from the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund to upgrade Hezlett Road. Construction commenced in September 2020 and is expected to be completed in November 2021.

Hezlett Road is one of the main transport routes into North Kellyville. The two-lane rural road has become busier as the precinct has grown with more residents. Congestion is holding up housing development.

In 2020 there were more than 1,200 dwellings with DAs approved but not yet commenced. To help the precinct reach its full development potential, the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund is supporting two projects.

First, an upgrade to a four-lane subarterial road between the town centre bypass and Samantha Riley Drive, together with intersection upgrades at Curtis Road and Gum Nut Close.

Second, the fast-tracking of new traffic signals at the intersection of Samantha Riley Drive and Hezlett Road at a roundabout that has seen increased traffic congestion and other access problems as the community in this area has grown.

When completed, the Hezlett Road upgrade will deliver new traffic signals and dual lane roundabouts, a signalised pedestrian crossing and a new ‘kiss and ride’ facility fronting North Kellyville Public School, upgraded bus stops, new footpaths and streetscapes. It will improve traffic conditions, make the community safer, and unlock new residential and commercial development, providing much needed construction jobs and economic investment.

When constructed, the new traffic signals at the intersection of Samantha Riley Drive and Hezlett Road will help to ease congestion, improve travel times and support the potential to deliver 1,200 new dwellings currently approved but not yet constructed within the North Kellyville area.
## Precincts and strategic frameworks

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| Precincts and strategic frameworks | • Councils and communities have a greater say in their local environment and the department has a focused set of priorities for better outcomes  
• Precincts that support the need of local communities including social and physical wellbeing and provision of amenities  
• Job creation and economic benefits | Decisions on key State-led rezonings and supporting strategies are imminent:  
• Wilton Town Centre  
• Rhodes  
• Western Gateway (Block C)  
• Bays West Place Strategy | The following State-led rezonings were finalised between July and September:  
• Glenfield  
• Leppington Stages 2 & 5  
• Lowes Creek Maryland  
• Bays West Place Strategy | 
| | | October - November: An update to the planning controls for the Aerotropolis are to be exhibited | The following strategic plans were on exhibition between July and September:  
• Draft Wilton Growth Area Housing Complying Development Code Exhibition  
• Frenchs Forest Place Strategy  
• Macquarie Park Place Strategy  
• Ingleside Place Strategy  
• Directions for Camellia-Rosehill Place Strategy paper  
• Blackwattle Bay State Significant Precinct |
Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (Greater Sydney specific)

Program

The Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (the Plan) has been developed to help meet the needs of the Greater Sydney community by supporting the delivery of housing, jobs and infrastructure, while protecting threatened plants and animals.

The Plan Area includes parts of eight local government areas—Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Penrith, Blacktown and Hawkesbury.

Once finalised the plan will:

- Protect the region’s important conservation values through the creation of new reserves, conservation areas and green spaces for the local community
- Help maintain and protect Southern Sydney’s koala population by establishing new reserves and biodiversity stewardship sites
- Provide statutory biodiversity approvals for Western Sydney’s major infrastructure corridors and nominated areas
- Facilitate the development of the employment lands around Western Sydney Aerotropolis that are essential for economic prosperity of NSW
- Build capacity in local communities, Aboriginal organisations and Local Aboriginal Land Councils to enable employment and conservation opportunities

Click here for more information about the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Expected outcomes

- Responsibility for approving development in certified areas and implementing planning controls through the proposed strategic conservation planning SEPP to protect biodiversity values
- Opportunity to partner to deliver environmental priorities such as weed and pest control, disease control, environmental and social research, and biodiversity climate change adaptation
- Opportunity to partner to deliver community engagement activities, including citizen science programs, community activities and pop-up events
- Compliance officers in councils to carry out compliance activities such as coordinating investigations and remedial actions to address issues such as illegal dumping and vegetation clearing
- Proposal to appoint community engagement officers to educate and engage communities, including engagement activities at schools and in the community

Expected timelines

Late 2021: The department is also aiming to finalise the Plan for the Minister for Planning to submit for approval to the NSW and Commonwealth ministers for environment.

The department is finalising a ‘What We Heard’ report outlining how we have responded to submissions received during public exhibition of the draft Plan in 2020. We will brief the eight local councils in the Plan area when this report is released publicly.

Progress since July

The draft Plan includes a commitment to develop a 10-year Aboriginal Implementation and Engagement Strategy under the Plan.

The department has engaged with Traditional Custodians, Aboriginal Land Councils, local councils, community, businesses, and service providers in Western Sydney to understand the opportunities and priorities for this strategy.
## Complying development reforms – building business back better

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<td>A suite of reforms that aim to provide a streamlined assessment path for job-creating development, where the environmental impacts are well understood and manageable through development standards. The initiative will expand complying development provisions in employment zones, supporting industries with good potential for fast-tracked planning pathways. There will also be a new streamlined pathway for neighbourhood centres to promote activation and support small business.</td>
<td>• Job generation, place activation, and economic development • Increased efficiencies, and greater flexibility, reduced costs, and a reduction in project delays • Economic recovery</td>
<td>• Q4: Finalise SEPP amendment and provide support materials</td>
<td>Since July the department has finalised the community consultation campaign, prepared the submission report and commenced drafting for the amending instrument.</td>
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[Click here for more information about Complying Development reforms](#)
Employment zones reform

**Program**

Significant technological advancements have changed the way we live, work and recreate. The current Business and Industrial zones have ingrained land use conflict responses, some of which are increasingly outdated. There are also industries and land uses that did not exist when the land use tables within each of the zones were set.

The current reform of the B and IN zones is the first comprehensive refresh of the zones since they were introduced.

The outcome will be a new employment zones framework to replace the current Business and Industrial zones to better respond to the future of work, to support productivity and jobs growth while also facilitating the delivery of strategic plans, planning priorities and managing contemporary land use conflicts.

This reform is closely aligned with the complying development reforms, preparation of an Employment Lands Strategy Guideline and current work of the Greater Sydney Commission on industrial and urban services land.

[Click here for more information about Employment Zones Reforms](#)

**Expected outcomes**

- Greater ability for councils to align the zones to their strategic intent and support good planning outcomes
- Support emerging land uses and operational changes due to evolving technology
- A clearer framework with greater consistency in where and when to apply a certain zone
- Local productivity and job growth and ability for businesses to adapt to changing practices

**Expected timelines**

- **October**: Publish the new framework within the Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plan Amendment Order
- **Share draft translation detail with councils**
- **Throughout 2022**: Implementation working through the translation of individual LEPs with councils
- **End 2022**: Implementation completed across NSW

**Progress since July**

The department released a Submissions Report summarising feedback received as part of the public exhibition of the employment zones reform.
## Standard conditions for certain types of development

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| Standard conditions of development consent are being prepared for local and regionally significant development as part of the NSW Planning Reform Action Plan. This will achieve a more consistent and efficient development assessment process across all NSW councils. | - Reduction in development approval timeframes  
- Increased consistency and certainty  
- Easier navigation of development consents  
- Free up councils for more complex assessments and compliance | - **October-November:** Regulation changes for new prescribed conditions to be made and a standard format for notices of determination to be published. Training for council staff on the standard conditions and changes to the NSW Planning Portal to commence. Consultation Workshops to be held on standard conditions for engineering aspects of development  
- **Late February 2022:** Regulation changes commence for new prescribed conditions  
- **August 2022:** Regulation changes commence to require consent authorities to prepare notices of determination in the standard format in the NSW Planning Portal | The department held a webinar on what’s next for standard conditions, including upcoming training. A working group meeting was held on standard conditions for engineering aspects of development. |
Establishing an appeals pathway in the Land and Environment Court

**Program**

As a part of this reform, we are exploring options for establishing a merit appeal right to the Land and Environment Court for proponent-led rezonings.

Allowing a statutory path to the Court will give an opportunity to review the merits of some rezoning decisions at arms-length from the Government, where needed. It’s also consistent with the appeal right for proponents that already exists for development applications.

The new class of appeals in the Land and Environment Court for rezonings are intended to be used only as a last resort. They are aimed at providing recourse for rezoning applications that, despite being consistent with strategic plans are being unduly delayed.

**Expected outcomes**

- Greater certainty and transparency in the process for proponents and councils
- Increased accountability for the department, agencies and councils
- Strengthen a plan-led, evidence-based planning system by allowing the Court to examine strategic consistency

**Expected timelines**

- Ongoing consultation with targeted council, industry and court user working groups to help with policy development
- Public exhibition of any formal proposal will occur later in 2021/early 2022

**Progress since July**

- Continued refinement of policy and development of pathway options.
## Public Spaces Legacy Program

**Program**

A $250 million NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program as part of ongoing work to protect the health of the community, provide economic and jobs stimulus in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and deliver a legacy of safe, quality public and open space.

The current status:

- Accelerated planning component complete. 164 long standing Regionally Significant Development Applications and 49 older rezoning proposals have been determined. Councils reported up to 30% improvement in development application assessment times.
- Planning and design/construction underway for 111 open and public space projects.

Click here for more information about the Public Spaces Legacy Program

### Expected outcomes

- Accelerated assessments of development applications (DAs) and rezonings
- Create development capacity and meet demand for housing and employment over the next decade
- Localised economic development and job creation
- Improved quality of existing public and open spaces to provide lasting community benefit

### Expected timelines

- **October:** Release funding to councils to commence land acquisition and construction of open space projects

### Progress since July

- **August:** Assessment of council’s accelerated performance targets complete
- **September:** Councils’ meeting second phase performance targets proceed with ongoing participation in the Program
Your High Street Program

Program

The Your High Street program supports councils across NSW to enhance high streets in strategic centres by providing grant funding for projects that improve amenity and high street functionality, supporting local business trading and improving the experience for the community with permanent improvements.

The program supports the delivery of the Premier’s Priority to increase the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes’ walk of quality green, open and public space.

Click here for more information about the Your High Street program

Expected outcomes

- Improve/increase number of uses over day and night
- Increase footfall and capacity for trade for businesses
- Improve local accessibility and connections
- Improve safety and comfort for people

Expected timelines

- May 2022: High street improvements delivered by councils

Progress since July

Since July 2021, 18 projects have commenced planning, design and approvals.

CASE STUDIES: Your High Street Program

These projects are being managed and delivered by councils, and will provide places for the community to linger, socialise and connect. Projects include footpath widening and additional crossing points to enhance pedestrian comfort, new and upgraded civic squares and laneways, more seating and flexible spaces, public art, additional trees and greenery, spaces for outdoor dining and events, and more.

City of Canada Bay – Heart of Drummoyne – $1,000,000 – Church St, Drummoyne

Building on the success of a Streets as Shared Spaces trial, this project will create new public spaces next to Victoria Road, by closing Formosa Street and providing places to sit, trees, art, play opportunities and an outdoor dining space.

City of Parramatta – Phillip Street Smart Street – $1,000,000 – Phillip St, Parramatta

This project continues the transformation of Parramatta’s CBD, leveraging light rail investment and revitalising an important streetscape with smart city elements including condition-responsive lighting, street furniture with built-in USB ports, smart irrigation, surveillance, public artwork and lighting, and a continuation of the successful Streets as Shared Spaces trial in Phillip Lane.
Everyone Can Play

Program

We are making playspaces in NSW more inclusive. Through the Everyone Can Play (ECP) Guideline and grant program the department is helping designers and councils deliver playspaces that are designed to be more inclusive of everyone in the community.

The $20 million ECP program is also helping to deliver the Premier’s Priorities of quality green, open and public space within 10 minutes’ walk of urban areas and increased tree canopy across Greater Sydney with a tree planting component of the funding program.

So far $15 million of the $20 million program funding has been allocated with 108 projects already funded and 41 new or improved inclusive playspaces have been delivered across NSW from the previous rounds of grant funding with 67 more currently under development.

Applications from the fourth and final round of ECP have closed and have been assessed, with an announcement of successful applicants expected in late 2021. The 2021/22 grant round will see the final $5 million program funding allocations across the following grant funding categories:

- Inclusive playspace – upgrade – up to $75,000
- Inclusive playspace – new – up to $200,000

The final round of the grant program was extended to eligible NSW Government agencies to apply for projects that are freely and publicly accessible and available to the wider community. Eligible applications from NSW councils will be prioritised over State Government Agencies.

Click here for more information about the Everyone Can Play Program
CASE STUDY: Everyone Can Play
- Connecting the dots at Jack Buckley Park

Jack Buckley Park is located on the edge of the Tomaga River in the seaside village of Tomakin, Eurobodalla. It is a large park that includes a playspace, several picnic settings, amenities block and a small basketball court. The existing playspace on the eastern side of the park had no connection to the other park facilities and the play equipment didn’t offer many play opportunities for younger children or for older park users.

Eurobodalla Shire Council applied to upgrade this playspace in the Everyone Can Play 2019-20 grant round and was successful, receiving $50,000 in funding. Council worked with the department to refine the playspace concept, incorporating more inclusive features and a design that better connects to the other park amenities. The final playspace is a great demonstration of the Everyone Can Play principles and the result is a wonderful inclusive playspace that everyone in the community can enjoy.

Can I get there?
A new footpath connects the existing playspace and the new ‘ninja warrior’ style obstacle course to the existing amenities block, BBQ and new shelter. The path provides an accessible loop that can also be used by scooters or bikes. Rubber softfall was used efficiently to provide access to more inclusive elements such as the nest swing and new junior play items including a rocker and cubby house. The connection also offers improved sight lines promoting a feeling of safety and visual connectedness. Bike racks have also been provided enabling safe parking for bikes and encourages cycle travel to the park.

Can I play?
The existing playspace had some good features that were retained, including the play unit and swings. However, community consultation identified the need for more junior items as well as equipment that could be used for exercise and by older children and adults. This was strategically arranged in a sequence to provide a ‘ninja warrior’ style obstacle course on route to the picnic area. The adjacent large open turf area also provides opportunities for ball games, running and playing.

Can I stay?
New shade sails requested by the community provide further shade to the playspace enabling longer stays, and the introduction of a new picnic setting and supportive bench style seating near the playspace allow for gathering and easy supervision of the junior equipment.

Take away lesson from this upgrade
Everyone Can Play requires designers and planners to look beyond the playspace edges and consider opportunities within the wider open space area and this project is a great example of that. The park had a number of great features and the design of the upgraded playspace linked these separate spaces together resulting in a fun, inclusive and connected park for all members of the community to enjoy.
# Using a strategic planning approach to build resilience to natural hazards

**Program**

The NSW Government is committed to building sustainable and hazard-resilient communities through smart land use planning.

Together with building regulation and emergency management, smart planning can increase community wellbeing and build our resilience to natural hazards.

The department has developed a draft state-wide Natural Hazards package that encourages councils to consider natural hazard risk in strategic land use planning.

The Natural Hazards package includes:

- A draft Strategic Guide to Planning for Natural Hazards in NSW, which highlights the importance of considering natural hazards to reduce the impact they have on communities
- A Resource Kit to support the strategic planning process and help plan-making authorities find the information and data they need

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<td>Improved development and land use outcomes when hazard risk is considered at the earliest natural stage of land use planning.</td>
<td><strong>Early Q4</strong>: Finalise package</td>
<td>During this time the department reviewed submissions received during exhibition, which were generally supportive.</td>
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### Flood Prone Land Package

**Program**

Significant flood events, like those recently in NSW, show the importance of managing flood risk up to and beyond the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) flood and considering flood risks up to the probable maximum flood level.

The department has finalised the flood-prone land package and it consists of:

- A revised 9.1 local planning direction on flooding
- A new planning circular on flooding
- A new guideline: Considering Flooding in Land Use Planning
- Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Amendment (Flood Planning) Order 2021
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Flood Planning) Regulation 2021, which amends 10.7 planning certificates
- State Environmental Planning Policy Amendment (Flood Planning) 2021

The package recognises that development on floodplains should balance community protection and resilience.

[Click here for more information about the Flood Prone Land Package](#)

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| • The Flood Prone Land Package will assist NSW communities to be more resilient to flooding  
• The Flood Prone Land Package recognises that development of floodplains should balance community protection and resilience | • Q4 2021–Q1 2022: Council engagement with those councils that have expressed interest in opting into the ‘special flood consideration’ clause | • July: Councils submitted interest to incorporate optional standard instrument ‘special flood considerations’ clause to apply to their LEP  
• The department commenced engagement with councils that expressed an interest in the special flood consideration clause |

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# Short Term Rental Accommodation

**Program**

The NSW Government has implemented a new state-wide regulatory framework for short-term rental accommodation (STRA), which includes a new planning framework, fire safety standards for STRA dwellings and a new Government-run STRA Register. The new framework compliments the mandatory Code of Conduct and changes to strata legislation made by the department of Customer Service.

The new regulatory framework seeks to ensure local communities continue to enjoy the economic benefits of STRA, while managing potential adverse impacts.

Registration on the Government-run STRA Register has commenced. Hosts can register their dwelling on the STRA Register before the new planning rules commence on 1 November 2021.

Registration on the STRA Register is a mandatory requirement before hosts can undertake STRA in NSW and requires the registrant to confirm the STRA dwelling complies with the relevant fire safety Standards.

[Click here for more information about STRA](#)

## Expected outcomes

- Ensures local communities can enjoy economic benefits whilst managing potential adverse impacts
- The new state-wide policy will provide more certainty within the planning system regarding STRA and clearly outline the responsibilities for all industry participants

## Expected timelines

- **October 2021**: Sector-wide communications package in advance of new STRA Framework
- **1 November 2021**: New STRA Planning Policy and rules in place

## Progress since July

During this time the department has consulted with councils and online booking platforms to transition into the new STRA Framework.
## Rollout of NSW Planning Portal digital services

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<td>The Digital Transformation, Performance and Reporting team continues to develop digital solutions in support of planning reforms, building reforms and other key government initiatives. As part of the broader project to digitise Environmental Planning Instruments (EPIs), the Data and Integration team is collaborating with a small group of councils to seek feedback on the digital solutions developed to date. Once all ideas have been considered, the solution will be rolled out to all other councils. The Digital Delivery team continues its collaboration with the NSW Building Commissioner and Construct NSW on Project Remediate. The team is enhancing several ePlanning Digital Services to enable the capture of relevant cladding data into the Portal as part of the planning application process. This will impact the Online DA, CDC and OC services. The same team is also developing an Infrastructure Contribution Digital Platform (ICDP) that will contain several digital services in support of local and regional infrastructure contribution reforms being driven by the Infrastructure Contribution Policy team. Click here for more information about the NSW Planning Portal.</td>
<td>- Data and Integration team will be ready to roll out the Digital EPIs solution to all councils across NSW - The digital solution for Project Remediate will go live, enabling stakeholders to record/commence remediation work via the NSW Planning Portal - The completion of the initial phase of the ICDP project will mean the proposed reforms can be exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal</td>
<td>- October: Project Remediate - digital solution goes live - November: Digital EPIs - completion of initial rollout to five councils - March 2022: Infrastructure Contributions - digital tools ready for early engagement with selected councils</td>
<td>The department has undertaken the following over the period: - <strong>Digital EPIs</strong>: Completed enhancements to the Spatial Viewer and the Online Planning Proposal Service so that data collected through the planning proposals process can be visualised digitally as a live map. Worked with five councils to collect EPI maps as part of the initial rollout - <strong>Project Remediate</strong>: Completion of documentation for enhancements to the Online DA, CDC and OC processes. Initial engagement with the Office of the NSW Building Commissioner and the Compliance team in Better Regulation Department - <strong>Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)</strong>: Release of digital services for Integrated Development Assessment (IDAS), Controlled Activity Approval (CAA) and Security Bond release application processes - <strong>State Design Review Panel (SDRP)</strong>: Produced digital workflow solution for the State Government Architect’s Office so they can receive major development proposal applications and process them online - <strong>Infrastructure Contributions Digital Platform</strong>: Conceptualisation of different components of the digital platform and commenced discovery and build for key components. - Ongoing enhancements to existing ePlanning Digital Services based on feedback from stakeholders</td>
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Update to guidance for undertaking Part 5 activities

**Program**

The department is reviewing and updating its guidelines for activities undertaken as development without consent, under Division 5.1, Part 5.

The purpose of the review is to help facilitate improved assessment processes that are transparent, consistent, and proportionate to the infrastructure being proposed. The new guidelines will assist public authorities in meeting the requirements of the EP&A Act and Regulation.

A new Planning Portal Webtool is also being developed to assist public authorities and determining authorities and will enhance community access to activities that have been determined under Part 5.

A series of workshops are proposed for public authorities as these tools are developed and implemented.

This initiative will support proposals being developed for the review and remake of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, which proposes to include a new requirement for REFs for certain (mainly larger scale) infrastructure proposals to be published.

**Expected outcomes**

- Updated guidelines for public authorities and councils undertaking development without consent
- Workshops are proposed to increase capacity and understanding of the new guidelines and online tool
- New online tool (via the Planning Portal) to make it easier to publish and access Review of Environmental Factors documents

**Expected timelines**

- **Q4 2021**: Targeted consultation with public authorities and councils on the draft guidelines
- **Q4 2021**: Workshops held with councils and agencies
- **Q4 2021**: Webtool operational

**Progress since July**

During this time the department has continued:

- development and refinement of the guidelines
- development and testing of the Planning Portal webtool

Councils, agencies, and other stakeholders provided feedback on the proposed amendments when the draft EP&A Regulation 2021 was publicly exhibited during August and September 2021. All submissions will be reviewed before the Regulation is finalised.
Infrastructure SEPP review

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| As part of the planning reforms, the department is undertaking a review of the planning pathway for government infrastructure projects to identify further opportunities to streamline infrastructure delivery, where appropriate. This includes a review of parts of the Infrastructure SEPP. | • Improved consistency between similar activities under different infrastructure divisions within the Infrastructure SEPP and the Education SEPP  
• Minor adjustments to exempt, complying or development without consent provisions for appropriately scaled infrastructure or development, to improve infrastructure delivery  
• Operational improvements to support the delivery of transport infrastructure | • October/November: Exhibition of EIE  
• Q4 2021/Q1 2022: Review of submissions  
• Q1 2022: Anticipated finalisation | During the period the department consulted Transport for NSW on transport amendments and prepared documentation for the upcoming exhibition. |
## Strengthening the processes for development standards reviews

### Program

The NSW Government is committed to the ongoing improvement of the NSW planning system, to ensure it is easy to use and understand, promotes strategic planning and integrity, and reduces the risk of corruption.

Between 31 March and 12 May 2021, the department exhibited proposed changes to clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan (SI LEP).

Clause 4.6 is intended to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in the application of development standards in exceptional circumstances or where an improved planning outcome can be demonstrated.

The proposed changes to clause 4.6 aim to clarify and strengthen the process for varying a development standard and improve transparency and accountability in the variations system in line with the recommendations of NSW ICAC’s Operation Dasha.

[Click here for more information about Clause 4.6.](#)

### Expected outcomes

- Clearer and more robust tests to vary a development standard
- New monitoring and reporting framework to improve transparency and reduce the risk of corruption when development standards are varied
- Updates to the NSW Planning Portal to capture data, including reasons for approving or refusing a variation request, for monitoring and auditing purposes
- Guidance material to support the application of the clause

### Expected timelines

- **November:** Further consultation anticipated
- **Early 2022:** Reforms package to be introduced - transitional arrangements will apply

### Progress since July

During this time the department undertook:

- Refinement of the proposals following consultation and targeted workshop sessions
- Commencement of drafting
- Commenced preparation of guidance material
- Work to prepare updates to the NSW Planning Portal to support the implementation of the reform package
**EP&A Regulation**

**Program**
The EP&A Regulation 2000 is scheduled for automatic repeal on 1 March 2022. The proposed regulation will be made to replace the existing 2000 Regulation to continue its important role of providing legislative support for the operation of the EP&A Act.

The proposed 2021 Regulation will retain many of the existing provisions while making amendments to modernise, simplify and improve the requirements.

Key changes that are proposed include:

- Reducing administrative requirements in the processes and requirements for development applications (DAs), modification applications and amendment applications
- Simplifying and refining requirements for planning certificates, to focus the content on land use and development controls essential to conveyancing
- Improving application requirements and information disclosure for complying development certificate (CDC) applications to support increased transparency for this assessment system
- Improving transparency by requiring publication of environmental assessments for certain infrastructure proposals
- Improving designated development provisions to modernise this assessment system

Click here for more information about the EP&A Regulation.

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| • Establishment of a simpler, more modern, and transparent planning system  
• Reduction in the administrative burden on councils and applicants  
• Increases in procedural efficiencies to support faster assessment timeframes | • **Q4 2021:** Regulation finalised and made  
• **1 March 2022:** New regulation will commence | The draft Regulation was exhibited for 6 weeks during August/September and over 80 submissions were received from councils, industry groups, government agencies and individuals.

The department is considering the issues and suggestions raised in those submissions to make refinements to the draft Regulation where appropriate. Broader policy issues raised in the submissions that cannot be addressed through the Regulation remake at this time will be considered for future amendments. |
Regional Housing Taskforce

Program

The Regional Housing Taskforce was established by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes in June 2021 to tackle the increasing pressures on housing supply and affordability in Regional NSW.

Led by Newcastle-based independent planning expert Garry Fielding as Chair, the Taskforce also comprises senior representatives from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Department of Regional NSW.

The primary focus of the Taskforce is to identify barriers in the planning system to housing supply in the regions and seek solutions within planning and other government levers to help speed up the delivery of homes that are affordable and match community needs in NSW. It will build on the evidence gathered as part of the NSW Housing Strategy 2041, and on solutions aligned to the Strategy.

To achieve this, the Taskforce conducted a major ‘listening and discussion exercise’ with a series of state-wide virtual roundtable meetings with community and stakeholders. The Taskforce was open for submissions up until the end of August 2021. The Taskforce will be reporting to the Minister on its findings in September 2021, with a further report on recommendations in October 2021.

Click here for more information about the Regional Housing Taskforce.

Expected outcomes

- Recommendation report on how the Government can use the planning system and other Government levers to better address housing needs and stimulate supply in the regions

Expected timelines

- October: Recommendations Report to be submitted

Progress since July

- July and August: Taskforce Chair Garry Fielding attended multiple 1:1 meetings with elected state representatives and key stakeholder groups
- August: Over 500 people across NSW participated in 11 virtual geographically aligned roundtable forums conducted by the Taskforce and other events where the Taskforce presented. Forum locations focused on the Central Coast and Hunter, North Coast, New England and North West, Central West, Orana and Far West, Riverina Murray, Illawarra Shoalhaven, and the South East and Tableland regions, and included:
  - community members
  - NSW elected members
  - council representatives and staff
  - local housing providers
  - Local Aboriginal Land Councils
  - housing and development experts
  - construction industry representatives and businesses
- September: Findings Report submitted based on the 168 formal submissions and feedback received during roundtable meetings in July/August

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## Employment land strategies

### Program

The department is preparing an Employment Land Strategy Guideline. The focus of the employment land strategies is to ensure that land use and transport activities of local governments (including for commercial centres and identified corridors), reflect the employment and productivity objectives of the NSW Government, through relevant plans and policies. The strategies will have regard to assured Local Strategic Planning Statements.

Local Environmental Plans will translate the intent of the strategies into statutory controls. Councils may separately have economic development strategies which cover a broader range of activities, such as investment attraction, skills development, and capacity building. The employment land strategy would reflect those elements of the economic development strategy that have land use planning implications.

The aim of the Employment Land Strategy Guideline (the Guideline) is to assist councils in preparing Employment Land Strategies. Ultimately, a department-endorsed strategy will lead to faster and more transparent decisions on planning proposals. The strategies should assist local and State government to collaborate to create business and investment activity and thus deliver employment opportunities for Greater Sydney and Regional NSW.

Click here for more information about the Employment Land Strategy Guideline.

### Expected outcomes

- The draft Employment Land Strategy Guideline has been produced to support councils to develop Employment land strategies as part of a local strategic planning framework. Local Environmental Plans will translate the intent of the strategies into statutory controls.
- The draft Guideline identifies the evidence base, stages, and assessment framework for an employment strategy. This will enable councils, the department and other stakeholders to collaborate to deliver a secure and agile planning framework for local and State economic prosperity.

### Expected timelines

- **Q1 2022**: Expected adoption and implementation of the draft Employment Land Strategy Guideline

### Progress since July

- **June-July**: Market sounding of early draft Guideline with targeted councils and stakeholders, and targeted workshops with agencies and industry.
- **July-August**: Refined draft guidelines consolidating stakeholder feedback.
- **September**: Discussed the draft Guideline with key internal and external stakeholders.
Cemeteries as state significant development

Program

There is a critical shortage of new burial space capacity particularly within Greater Sydney. New burial spaces are urgently required to respond to community needs, particularly given the diverse customs and beliefs that drive burial demand across NSW.

The NSW Government undertook a statutory review of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013. The review sought to address challenges across the sector, including the forecast shortage of burial space. One of the recommendations from this review was that cemeteries be considered State significant development (SSD) to reflect their role as key social infrastructure.

Consistent with this recommendation, it is proposed to amend the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 (SRD SEPP) to identify larger scale cemeteries, that can make a meaningful contribution to the shortfall of burial space, as a form of SSD recognising their role as key social infrastructure. This will allow cemetery development proposals to be considered in the same way as other types of social infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals.

Click here to have your say and for more information about Cemeteries as state significant development.

Expected outcomes

- A more consistent approach to the assessment of larger cemetery proposals across different parts of Sydney and NSW through the SSD pathway

Expected timelines

- October/November: Exhibition of EIE
- Q1 2022: Finalise amendments to SRD SEPP

Progress since July

During the period the department prepared documentation for the upcoming exhibition.

Council conflict of interest

Program

In response to the NSW Ombudsman Special Report to Parliament: An inherent conflict of interest councils as developer and regulator, tabled on 15 December 2020, the department established a working group with representatives from the Office of Local Government, the department of Customer Service, and Local Government NSW to identify and implement measures to avoid, or where appropriate, manage conflicts of interest arising out of council development.

The working group has met several times and made significant progress in developing a new framework to address the Ombudsman concerns.

Expected outcomes

- Councils will have a consistent approach to managing conflicts of interests
- Councils will have a policy to manage their dual role as a proponent, consent authority and regulator to ensure transparency in the planning system

Expected timelines

- December-February 2022: Following local government elections - Exhibition of proposed policy response to the Ombudsman report
- March 2022: Implement policy response before the end of the Q1 2022

Progress since July

The department established a working group and has worked collaboratively with the group to prepare materials for consultation following local government elections.
## Places To Love Program

**Program**

Places to Love is a program of demonstration projects that trial improving walkable access to, and the quality of, local public space. The program is a collaboration between the department and a number of pilot councils across NSW to trial temporary changes that can inform and guide future upgrades to public space.

The demonstration projects are a way to quickly test how to make public spaces more vibrant and active using trials, pop-ups and semi-permanent changes to test ideas and build the case for longer-term change.

We’re working closely with six councils – five from Sydney and one from regional NSW:

- Blacktown City Council
- Burwood City Council
- City of Sydney
- Liverpool City Council
- Penrith City Council
- Wagga Wagga City Council

A rolling program of Places to Love demonstration projects with additional councils is underway.

Click here for more information about the Places to Love Program.

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  - Burwood Council  
  - City of Sydney  
  - Penrith City Council  
  - Wagga Wagga City Council  
  The following projects are underway but have been delayed due to impacts from COVID-19 pandemic:  
  - Blacktown City Council  
  - Liverpool City Council  
  These councils will continue to deliver their projects once the public health orders allow. |

• COVID-19 is changing the way communities use public space, internationally and locally. Places to Love facilitates temporary interventions that take a place-led approach
  - support physical distancing requirements
  - help the community see potential opportunities for public space and encourage safe social connectedness
  - contribute to NSW’s economic recovery in our local centres by creating vibrant streets and additional safe space
  - support the wellbeing of our communities and their ability to exercise and increase the amount of accessible public space

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Greener Neighbourhoods

Program

The Greener Neighbourhoods program aims to support and empower councils to develop strategic tree canopy policy and programs to protect and enhance canopy cover and increase urban greening.

The program is being developed as part of the Greening our City Premier’s Priority in partnership with Resilient Sydney and Greater Sydney’s councils.

The program is currently being designed and is likely to be delivered in stages, with each stage supported through a targeted package of information and assistance. The project’s next steps will likely focus on:

- updated canopy data
- grant funding
- policy guidance

The Greener Neighbourhoods program be piloted across Greater Sydney’s 33 local councils, with the aim that over time, key elements of the program will be able to be used by all NSW councils.

Expected outcomes

- Councils have the necessary tools to contribute towards the 40% canopy cover target in the Greater Sydney Region Plan
- Councils understand trends and can identify actions to enhance urban greening and canopy and/or mitigate loss
- Councils are able to develop or update an Urban Forest Strategy
- Councils are able to set locally appropriate canopy and urban greening targets

Expected timelines

- November-December: Council support package launched

Progress since July

- During this period the department held two workshops in partnership with Resilient Sydney to engage Greater Sydney councils in co-designing the program
- The workshops included representatives from 30 councils, with the recent workshop attended by around 90 council staff
- Draft policy guidance was circulated to councils for comment
### Valuing green infrastructure and public spaces

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<td>• The framework will ensure that the benefits of access to quality green and public spaces to the community are better reflected in (planning) decisions • Help public and private sector decision makers better assess the value of investing in these important community and environmental assets • Deliver long term public benefits</td>
<td>• <strong>February 2022:</strong> It is anticipated a choice modelling study to estimate monetised benefits for how the community values characteristics of urban parkland is available • <strong>March 2022:</strong> The sector specific framework is expected to be publicly available</td>
<td>• <strong>August:</strong> Planning for Policy Roundtable in October to highlight the work’s benefits and share insights around approaches already used in other jurisdictions • <strong>August - September:</strong> Workshops with NSW Treasury and subject matter experts to consider proposed parameter values</td>
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## Greater Sydney Parklands Bill

### Program

In 2020 Greater Sydney Parklands was established administratively to bring together the management of Centennial Parklands, Parramatta Park and Western Sydney Parklands, along with Callan Park and Fernhill Estate.

The preparation of legislative reform to streamline these arrangements under the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust is part of implementing the Government’s 50 year vision for greenspace in Sydney.

The process of legislative preparation has included community consultation on a green paper – *A 50 Year Vision for Sydney’s Open Space and Parklands*, consultation on a white paper *Parklands for People – A Discussion Paper* and the preparation of an exposure bill is currently in train.

*Click here to have your say or for more information about the Greater Sydney Parklands Bill.*

### Expected outcomes

- An umbrella trust to manage and operate existing regional parks and to take on ownership and management of new regional parks as they are established
- An advocacy body with responsibilities to champion the implementation of the Blue Green Grid across Sydney
- Increased community involvement and engagement in decisions around park management and embellishment

### Expected timelines

- **September – October:** Exhibition of an exposure bill and community feedback
- **November – December:** Parliamentary consideration of the final bill
- **June – July 2022:** Commencement of the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust

### Progress since July

Over the three months, the department has undertaken:

- **July:** Exhibition of the White Paper and community consultation
- **July – September:** Preparation of an exposure bill

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Snapshot and engagement pipeline of key activities

Adjacent is a snapshot of the upcoming planning and public spaces programs of work from October to March 2022, which:

• provides a pipeline of the expected timelines for each initiative
• highlights the opportunities for stakeholders to have input into these programs

The pipeline has been colour-coded into the activity clusters for ease of reference.

Click a block to go to the relevant page in this document.

If you have any questions please contact the Stakeholder Engagement & Economic Recovery team at stakeholder.engagement@planning.nsw.gov.au.

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### Key

- **Mid blue**: Legislation/Policy
- **Gold**: Exhibitions
- **Teal**: Announcements/Launch
- **Purple**: Stakeholder consultation
- **Orange**: Approvals/Completions
- **Pale blue**: Tools/Resources/Training

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