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Newsletter and invitation to drop-ins at Jindabyne

This newsletter provides you with an update on planning for the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct and to let you know about some pop-ups we are holding in Jindabyne in April.

Our December 2020 update provided a snapshot of the feedback we received on the vision and aspirations for the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct. To view this feedback please go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/snowymountainssap. If you haven't already, you can also register your details on this page to receive digital updates.

What are Special Activation Precincts?

Special Activation Precincts are a NSW Government initiative that will create more jobs and drive investment in regional NSW.

The program is led by the Department of Regional NSW, planned by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and delivered by the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation.

Special Activation Precincts can include Government support in the following ways:

- developing master plans for the precincts which help industry and the community know what type of development can occur where
- streamlining planning approvals that benefit investors and include performance measures that protect local amenity and appeal
- approving developments in the precincts according to the master plans and a new State Environmental Planning Policy (Activation Precincts) 2020 (SEPP), which replaces the Local Environmental Plans (LEPs)
- funding infrastructure in the precincts, such as new road connections, power, water, sewerage, drainage, landscaping and digital connectivity
- attracting private investors and offering business support services to help businesses establish and grow, which will strengthen the local economy and create more jobs.

Why is this happening in the Snowy Mountains?

The Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct focusses on ways to increase year-round tourism to grow the regional economy, create year-round employment opportunities, and attract more visitors to the region from Australia and around the world.

We are aiming to do this by transforming a strong one-season visitor economy into a successful four-season destination by stimulating economic development and investment and increasing year-round jobs in supporting industries. This also includes investment in the region's infrastructure and services to meet the growing needs of permanent residents, seasonal worker and temporary visitors.

This is a long-term plan – the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct Master Plan will outline a 40-year vision for the Snowy Mountains region.

Where is master planning up to?

The following are the stages involved in developing the master plan.



Stage 1: Announcement, stakeholder engagement, and community visioning



Stage 2: Site investigations and technical planning studies commence / community consultation continues



Stage 3: Draft master plan prepared / community consultation continues



Stage 4: Draft master plan on exhibition / community consultation continues



Stage 5: Master plan finalised

We are now at Stage 3.

We are nearing the completion of site investigations, which are informing the draft Master Plan.

Not all of Jindabyne and Kosciuszko National Park will change. The draft Master Plan will identify areas where there is potential to change land uses and zoning to cater for: new housing developments; a new town centre and recreational spaces; new tourism opportunities including activating Jindabyne's lake front; improving road and pedestrian access; new locations for community services, including for sporting, education and training facilities and improving connections to and from the Alpine resorts.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is working closely with Snowy Monaro Regional Council and National Parks and Wildlife Service to streamline planning approvals without compromising important environmental considerations.

Will everything within the Special Activation Precinct be funded by the government?

Special Activation Precincts are all about making it easier for businesses to set up in regional NSW. The 40-year vision for the Snowy Mountains precinct will be realised through both public and private investment.

To give investors the confidence to commit to regional NSW, the Government will invest in vital, enabling infrastructure and utilities such as power, water, roads and digital connectivity, to help deliver the precincts.

Investors will also benefit from the security that comes with establishing themselves in a Government-backed precinct.

The Snowy Mountains Precinct is in the master planning phase. Projects identified through master planning will be developed and refined through further technical studies to form a business case. The business case will be assessed by Infrastructure NSW with a funding decision on projects expected from late 2021.

What consultation have we done?

The NSW Government are collaborating with government agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to the Master Plan. This includes with Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Schools Infrastructure NSW, Transport for NSW and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

A community advisory group has also been set-up and includes community representatives from government and non-government organisations in Jindabyne and ski resorts to represent their networks and communities in providing input and feedback on the Snowy Mountains precinct.

To reach the broader community, community drop-in sessions were held in October 2020, and updates have been communicated through articles in the Snowy Mountains Magazine. We also asked for feedback on the vision and aspirations of the Special Activation Precinct and provided an update on the feedback we received.

You can also keep updated by monitoring our website www.planning.nsw.gov.au/snowymountainssap

Where can I see the draft plans?

The draft Master Plan will go on public exhibition in mid-2021.

Before then, you can **come and visit us** so we can give you a preview before it goes on exhibition:

When: Thursday 8 April or

When: Friday 9 April

Where: Nuggets Crossing

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Time: Anytime between 2pm and 5pm

Time: Anytime between 10am and 1pm

What does it mean for landowners and the community?

Some of the area we are master planning for is on government owned land.

Where potential development is planned for on private land, we will be in contact with these landowners directly to explain what the new land uses and rezoning means for them. The aim is to have as little impact on private landowners as possible.

The Master Plan will benefit the whole community for generations to come, with improvements to services and amenities to be delivered in phases over the next 40 years.

Late last year, the NSW Government announced the relocation of Jindabyne Central School to the Sport and Rec site. School Infrastructure is managing the community consultation for this project and more information can be found at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

What's next?

The Department will be conducting drop-in sessions on 8-9 April as outlined above.

The draft Master Plan will go on exhibition in mid-2021 and stakeholders and the community will be informed when it is released for feedback. We will be hosting a range of consultation events to explain the draft Master Plan in more detail to help inform your submission.

Who do I contact?

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