

PLANNING SYSTEM

Local planning

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Implementation of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 – Ministerial Direction

This Circular is to advise planning authorities of a new Ministerial Direction under Section 117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* which will give statutory effect to the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 released by the NSW Government.

Introduction

The Minister has issued an updated Direction under section 117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The existing Ministerial Direction 7.1 “Implementation of the Metropolitan Strategy” has been revised to reflect the new Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 which supersedes the Metropolitan Strategy of 2005.

The new Ministerial Direction 7.1 requires planning proposals to implement the vision, transport and land use strategy, policies, outcomes and actions of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036. The Direction applies to all local government areas in metropolitan Sydney which are affected by the Metropolitan Plan (excluding Gosford and Wyong).

The direction takes effect from 1 February 2011 and will apply to all planning proposals prepared under the local plan making provisions of Part 3 of the EP&A Act.

A separate direction (Direction 5.1) and related circular (PS 07-006) applies to the implementation of Regional Strategies for the Central Coast, Far North Coast, Mid North Coast, Lower Hunter, Illawarra, South Coast and Sydney-Canberra Corridor.

Background

The NSW Government’s Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 provides a broad framework for

managing growth and development of Sydney over a 25 year period. It aims to support continued economic growth for the Sydney region while balancing social and environmental aspects. It contains a range of policy directions including concentrating jobs in centres, ensuring sufficient housing to meet a growing population, protecting employment lands, increasing the proportion of trips made using public transport, responding to the challenges of climate change and improving environmental outcomes.

The Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 aligns with a number of State Plan priorities, including promoting jobs closer to home and improve housing affordability.

Implementing the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036

The Ministerial Direction No. 7.1 “Implementation of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036” directs the relevant planning authority when preparing a planning proposal to ensure it is consistent with the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036.

When a planning proposal is prepared by a relevant planning authority, the relevant planning authority is required to ensure the planning proposal is consistent with the requirements of ministerial directions under section 117 of the EP&A Act.

The Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 will also provide the context for the preparation of land use

planning strategies prepared by a relevant planning authority.

Liaison with Regional Teams

The relevant planning authorities will need to liaise closely with the relevant regional team in the Department regarding their local strategies and planning proposals to ensure consistency with the Metropolitan Plan. The regional teams can provide advice on the interpretation and application of the plan.

Further information

A copy of the Ministerial Direction No. 7.1 "Implementation of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036" is attached. If you have further enquiries, please contact the relevant regional team of the Department:

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Available from the Department's website are:

- [Section 117 Directions issued by the Minister](#)
- [NSW Government's Metropolitan Plan](#)
- [Subregional Strategies](#)
- [Regional Strategies](#)

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