



FACT SHEET June 2008

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL STRATEGY — KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Strategy covers the two local government areas of Gosford City and Wyong Shire.
- The region's current population is over 305,000 and has been growing steadily.
- By 2031 the population is projected to grow by 100,000 to a total of 405,000.
- The planned population growth will require the construction of an extra 56,000 dwellings.
- The new dwellings will be distributed between centres (33,000), infill of existing urban areas (7,000) and greenfield sites (16,000).
- The Strategy aims to encourage local job opportunities by providing more than 45,000 new local jobs to reduce the proportion of people commuting outside the area for work.
- Gosford Regional City is targeted for 6 000 new jobs while Tuggerah–Wyong is identified as a major centre with the capacity for 5,500 new jobs.
- Housing growth will occur east of the F3 Freeway, and land outside of the North Wyong Shire Structure Plan Area, that is not currently earmarked for release or does not meet the Sustainability Criteria, will not be required during the life of the Strategy.
- Future reviews will include an assessment of water supply capacity to ensure that the proposed growth can be accommodated.
- Native vegetation protection and management will receive a further boost through the preparation and implementation of a Regional Conservation Strategy.
- No new urban residential or rural residential zones are proposed for land west of the F3 Freeway, however employment opportunities around the F3 Freeway interchanges may be considered.
- The location of non-compatible uses in productive agricultural areas will be limited and key resources lands protected.
- The Regional Strategy aligns with the State Infrastructure Strategy, which identifies a number of important regional infrastructure projects over the next ten years.
- As part of the Government's State-wide planning reforms, Gosford and Wyong councils will also be required to prepare a new principal LEP within the next three and five years respectively which will need to be consistent with the Central Coast Regional Strategy.
- Population growth projections have increased from 64,250 in the draft strategy following an improved outlook for long-term water supply due to:
 - Adoption by the local water authority (which includes both local councils) of *WaterPlan 2050* – a long term strategy for water supply;
 - The State Government's commitment to build Tillegra Dam; and
 - A commitment from the Commonwealth to provide funding towards a pipeline connecting Mardi Dam to the main water storage at Mangrove Creek Dam.