

Riverina-Murray Infrastructure

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Planning for the Riverina-Murray

The NSW Government has released the draft Riverina-Murray Regional Plan (draft Plan) to guide sustainable growth in the region over the next 20 years.

It outlines a vision to grow and diversify the economy over the next 20 years by creating more jobs; strengthening the region's cities, centres, towns and villages; and sustainably managing its agricultural, mining and natural resources.

You can have a say on the draft Plan which is now on exhibition.

What does the draft Plan say about infrastructure?

The draft Plan highlights a number of infrastructure projects identified in the NSW Budget 2014-15, the Long Term Transport Masterplan, and State Infrastructure Strategy and other projects as provided by utility providers.

The draft Plan acknowledges that the funding and timely delivery of infrastructure will be critical to underpinning economic growth across the region.

What does the draft Plan propose for infrastructure?

The draft Plan identifies the need to provide a more coordinated approach to the planning and delivery of infrastructure to maximise economic opportunities and to make the best use of existing infrastructure across the region.

The draft Plan identifies the need to develop a rolling program of works to upgrade and improve local roads that connect to the State and national road freight network, progressively deliver improvements to the region's freight network and supply chain infrastructure, and to identify appropriate sites for utility infrastructure such as energy, water, waste, telecommunications, as well as cemeteries and crematoria.

The draft Plan also proposes that development be monitored so that councils, industry and infrastructure providers are prepared and can plan for the provision of infrastructure, such as roads and utilities (energy, water, waste water, telecommunications).

Monitoring development can also assist in planning for infrastructure that has longer lead times for delivery and needs to be planned strategically, such as schools, health facilities, major transport, energy generation, waste disposal, cemeteries, and a range of other infrastructure.

How will the final Plan be implemented?

A Coordination and Monitoring Committee will be established to oversee the implementation of the final Riverina-Murray Regional Plan, comprising State agencies and councils.

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Further information

To find out more about what is in the draft Plan and to make a comment visit:
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