

Riverina-Murray Cross Border Settlements

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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, 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.

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The Riverina-Murray region includes the settlements that are located along the Murray River. Neighbouring settlements on the Victorian side of the river are often called "twin-towns".

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The draft Plan recognises the need for an integrated planning approach that considers the dynamic relationships of the twin towns.

Infrastructure networks, including road and rail bridges and ferry crossings are critical to the people moving between the twin towns to access housing, jobs and services.

The draft Plan proposes that the NSW Government work with the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner and cross-border councils to deliver improved economic, housing, jobs and infrastructure outcomes for these communities.

For example, there is a significant relationship between the demand and supply of land and housing in both NSW and Victoria border communities, as they both operate within the same housing market. This affects infrastructure and services for both jurisdictions.

The draft Plan proposes that NSW Government work with the Victorian Government and adjoining Victorian Councils to develop a cross-border land and housing monitor.

The monitor will:

- improve the tracking and forecasting of housing and employment land release;
- provide an evidence base of residential and commercial land supply and demand; and
- enable better coordination of infrastructure and services arising from growth and demographic change.

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How will the final Regional 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.

Further information

To find out more about what is in the draft Plan and to make a comment visit:
www.planning.nsw.gov.au/riverinamurray