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Glen Innes Severn Land Use Strategy approved

The NSW Department of Planning has approved a Land Use Strategy which sets the direction for future growth and development in the Glen Innes Severn council area over the next twenty years.

The strategy is the initial step in the plan-making process for the council's new comprehensive local environmental plan (LEP).

Council has previously been provided \$150,000 in financial assistance from the Department's Planning Reform Fund to help develop the strategy and LEP.

The Department's Deputy Director-General, Tom Gellibrand, said the strategy identifies a number of sites to provide new opportunities for housing and employment in and around Glen Innes, including:

- Two new rural residential development investigation areas, including an 84.5-hectare site at Glen Leigh Road and a 127.4-hectare site at Golf Link Road;
- An 8.7-hectare expansion of the existing industrial area north of Ferguson Street;
- A 17.5-hectare heavy industrial investigation area north of the existing Gleninda Industrial Estate;
- Investigation areas for industrial, residential, rural residential and business park development; and
- An investigation area of around 20 hectares of additional residential land at Taylor and Hunter Streets.

"The provision of new sites for future housing development will offer a broader range of housing choices and locations for Glen Innes residents, which also has the potential to improve housing affordability in the area," Mr Gellibrand said.

"The strategy also identifies new industrial areas to spark economic investment and employment growth and establishes a settlement and retail hierarchy for the local area."

Mr Gellibrand said that the council had recently commenced preparation of its new council-wide LEP based on the standard LEP template.