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New strategy to drive houses, jobs and new infrastructure across Central Sydney

An additional 230,000 new jobs, 138,000 homes and new infrastructure are planned for Central Sydney over the next two decades as part of the NSW Government's new strategy to support Sydney's growth.

The Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Sam Haddad, has released the draft *Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney to 2031*, which sets out a completely fresh approach to planning for Sydney's future population and economic growth.

Mr Haddad said the draft strategy was being put out for consultation to enable residents across Sydney's central suburbs to have their say about how to plan more effectively for new housing, jobs and infrastructure in their area.

By 2031, Sydney's population is expected to be about 5.6 million residents – a jump of 1.3 million.

"How we plan for this growth is vital to Central Sydney's role as the city's global economic driver, and as part of one of the most liveable and successful cities in the world," Mr Haddad said.

"When finalised, this strategy will boost the number of jobs, homes and services available and strengthen Central Sydney's place in greater metropolitan Sydney – the number one place to live and do business in Australia.

"Sydneyers have told us they want more choice in the types of housing available; more affordable housing close to jobs and services; good transport connections; and better management of the environment."

The draft Metropolitan Strategy outlines broad directions for the future of six subregions, including the Central Subregion, which will be the subject of detailed future planning.

The Central Subregion covers the council areas of Sydney CBD, Ashfield, Botany Bay, Burwood, Canada Bay, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Mosman, North Sydney, Randwick, Ryde, Strathfield, Waverley, Willoughby and Woollahra.

Some of the future directions for the Central Subregion include:

- Strengthening Global Sydney, which includes the Sydney CBD and North Sydney, with the opportunity for 102,000 and 12,000 additional jobs respectively;
- Capitalising on the WestConnex motorway to revitalise the Parramatta Road corridor, including delivery of new housing, more jobs and public area improvements;
- Regenerating the Anzac Parade corridor for new homes and jobs alongside light rail;
- Urban Activation Precincts at Mascot Station, Randwick, Anzac Parade South, North Ryde and Herring Road Macquarie Park to deliver better housing and employment

opportunities alongside public spaces, schools, community facilities, transport and other infrastructure;

- Celebrating Sydney Harbour as a world-renowned environmental and cultural asset and increase opportunities for recreational access to the foreshore;
- Targeting additional jobs in a range of centres by 2031, including Chatswood (8,000 new jobs), St Leonards (8,000 new jobs), Macquarie Park (16,000), Burwood (3,000 new jobs), Bondi Junction (2,000 new jobs) and Green Square (7,000 new jobs);
- Intensifying the existing cluster of education and health activity around the University of NSW, Prince of Wales Hospital and Sydney Children's Hospital, providing capacity for 6,000 additional jobs;
- Protecting industrial areas needed to support the international gateway function of Sydney Airport and Port Botany, and additional jobs in and around the airport.

Mr Haddad said the government will work with groups of councils and the community to create Subregional Delivery Plans to implement the Metropolitan Strategy across the subregions.

"In conjunction with the Long Term Transport Master Plan and State Infrastructure Strategy, this represents a major change in the way we coordinate the development and infrastructure needed to enable growth across Sydney.

"Importantly, the Metropolitan Strategy will lay a strong foundation for economic growth by creating more certain and transparent decision-making for communities and businesses," Mr Haddad said.

The draft Metropolitan Strategy is on exhibition until 31 May 2013. More information, including a video fly-through, is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydney

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