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

An additional 134,000 new jobs, 141,000 homes and new infrastructure are planned for South West 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 south western 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. The strategy plans for 50 per cent of all new jobs to be in Western Sydney.

“How we plan for this population growth is vital to South West Sydney’s role as a key area for housing and jobs growth, 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 South West Sydney’s place in greater metropolitan Sydney – the number one place to live and do business in Australia.

“Sydneysiders 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.”

Specific initiatives in Sydney’s South West will include targeting job growth in several major centres, supporting agricultural lands, continuing to deliver the South-West Growth Centre and investigating a major new employment precinct in the Fairfield and Liverpool council areas.

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

The South West Subregion covers the council areas of Bankstown, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool and Wollondilly.

Future directions for the South West Subregion include:

- Progressing investigations into up to 10,000 hectares of land around the Liverpool council area to become a major new employment hub – this area is known as the Western Sydney Employment Area. This will be centred around areas such as Luddenham and Kemps Creek;
• Continuing to plan for at least 64,000 of the estimated 110,000 new dwellings in the South West growth centre by 2031;
• Promoting Liverpool as the subregion’s regional city and the focus for 9,000 additional jobs, new services and new housing;
• Providing additional employment capacity in a range of major centres, including Campbelltown-Macarthur (10,000 jobs), Liverpool (9,000 additional jobs) and Bankstown (3,000 more jobs) by 2031;
• Supporting the subregion’s role in providing fresh food and other resources to Sydney by recognising a Metropolitan Rural Area;
• Planning for 13,000 additional jobs by 2031 at the proposed major centre at Leppington supported by housing around the South West rail link station;
• Targeting 2,000 additional jobs in employment lands at Bankstown Airport/Milperra;
• Supporting the delivery of the South West Rail link and plan for increased development around planned stations.

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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