GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION ONE STEP CLOSER

The creation of the Greater Sydney Commission is another step closer after legislation passed parliament today.

The formation of the Commission, which aims to produce better coordination and metropolitan planning for Sydney, is now imminent, meaning it can start work on shaping Sydney's future in partnership with the community to support the delivery of homes and jobs in the decades to come.

Planning Minister Rob Stokes said the Commission would start working with communities and councils across Sydney shortly on the development of district plans.

“This landmark reform will move Sydney from its uncoordinated patchwork of local area planning to coordinated and focused planning for the city as a whole,” Mr Stokes said.

“The Greater Sydney Commission will plan effectively and efficiently for environmental protection and enhancement; economic development; and social vitality and fairness across our great city.”

The recruitment of the Commissioners is currently underway, and will be announced before the end of the year.

The Commission will be charged with developing and implementing district plans, determining regionally significant development applications and will act as the decision maker on rezoning proposals currently undertaken by the Minister.

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