HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW CENTRAL COAST PLAN

Planning Minister Rob Stokes and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Scot MacDonald today released a new draft plan for the region, aimed at growing the local economy, enhancing the community lifestyle and accelerating housing supply.

Mr Stokes said the draft Central Coast Regional Plan will now go on public exhibition for the community to have their say.

“The Central Coast is a beautiful place for people to call home, and this draft plan focuses on revitalising existing areas, providing new homes, new jobs and protecting the local environment,” Mr Stokes said.

“I encourage the community to take part in this consultation process to help shape the future of the Central Coast.”

Mr MacDonald said the plan laid out the NSW Government’s vision for the region over the next 20 years, and he encouraged the public to get involved.

“This plan aims to capitalise on the Central Coast’s attractive coastal lifestyle; its proximity to Sydney and the Hunter; and build an even better future for the community,” Mr MacDonald said.

Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch welcomed the plan.

“The NSW Government is delivering for the people of the Central Coast with this exciting vision to make our wonderful community and lifestyle even better,” Mr Crouch said.

The release of the draft plan follows extensive consultation with the community, local councils and other stakeholders. Feedback from this consultation has been used in the draft plan.

The community can make submissions until 28 February and can also provide feedback through an online survey and interactive map. The draft Plan, survey and interactive map can be viewed at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/centralcoast
Four goals for the Central Coast

- **Enhance community lifestyles and accelerate housing supply**

A range of new housing options will be made available in existing areas with easy access to public transport, including in and around Gosford city centre, the Gosford to Erina and Tuggerah to Warnervale corridors and local centres across the region.

New land release opportunities will be made available in the Warnervale-Wadalba area and elsewhere in North Wyong.

Infrastructure in these areas will be delivered as new communities are being created.

Existing centres will be revitalised and a new vibrant centre created at Warnervale, creating more jobs for locals and providing residents access to shops and services.

- **Grow and diversify the regional economy**

The areas with the largest number of jobs on the Central Coast are the Somersby to Erina and Tuggerah to Warnervale Regional Economic Corridors.

The draft plan proposes focusing future infrastructure investment in these areas, to allow them to compete with economic corridors in other regions.

Existing industries including healthcare, education, food production and tourism will be expanded to provide more jobs while there will also be a focus on emerging sectors including renewable energy generation.

The $368 million Gosford Hospital upgrade and a planned $200 million upgrade to Wyong Hospital will also provide more employment opportunities.

- **Sustain productive land**

The NSW Government will work with industry groups, other levels of government, business and the community to grow and sustain the economic productivity of the region’s agricultural and aquaculture sectors.

- **Protect and manage the natural and cultural environment**

Areas with high environmental value will be protected to avoid and minimise impacts of developments on these areas.

The draft plan also proposes protecting water catchments to help sustain high-quality water supplies across the region.

The region’s resilience to natural hazards including flooding will also be increased.