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GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION TAKES SHAPE

Planning Minister Rob Stokes today revealed the structure of the Greater Sydney Commission, delivering the soon to be established organisation with responsibility for metropolitan planning in a partnership between state and local government.

Mr Stokes said that for too long Sydney’s urban planning has operated in silos of councils and government departments, without effective joined-up coordination for the infrastructure our city and suburbs need.

The Greater Sydney Commission will be comprised of 13 appointees, including:

- The Chair;
- Environment Commissioner, Economic Commissioner; Social Commissioner;
- Six District Commissioners, nominated by their councils; and

“The Greater Sydney Commission will be responsible for delivery plans for each of Sydney’s six districts,” Mr Stokes said.

“The six districts will all be represented by a member chosen by their elected local government officials, which will give councils the opportunity to play a major role in the planning decisions that shape their broader districts.

“The appointment of independent Commissioners to represent the economy, environment and community will ensure that we receive expert advice on how to keep Sydney sustainable as it changes over the next decade.”

The Commission will also be charged with conducting regular reviews of Council’s Local Environmental Plans and will act as the decision maker on rezoning proposals currently undertaken by the Minister.

For more information go to www.gsc.nsw.gov.au