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A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR COFFS HARBOUR

The NSW Government is calling on the community to have its say on plans to transform Coffs Harbour into a vibrant cosmopolitan regional hub.

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Group Deputy Secretary Marcus Ray said the draft Coffs Harbour Regional City Action Plan provides a framework to manage and shape the city's future growth to make the coastal city one of the best places to live, work and play in Australia.

"Coffs Harbour is already a great place to live with its enviable coastal lifestyle and the revitalisation of the city centre will make it even better, attracting businesses, families and skilled workers from right across Australia," Mr Ray said.

"That's why the NSW Government has worked closely with Coffs Harbour City Council to develop a plan to ensure we have the right planning, infrastructure and services in place to support our community into the future.

"Community consultation is an integral part of planning and we want everyone to take a look at the draft plan and provide their feedback."

The draft Coffs Harbour Regional City Action Plan focuses on five key goals to drive the city's future success. These goals are to create:

- An inclusive, healthy and cohesive city built from a network of character-filled places;
- A city of connected communities and a gateway to the wider region;
- A playful city with opportunities to be active, inspired and competitive;
- A skilled and innovative city blending work-life balance and subregional cooperation; and
- A regional exemplar of coastal, cosmopolitan living set within the green embrace of the Great Dividing Range.

The plan includes 19 objectives to achieve these goals, including expanding the role of Coffs Harbour Airport as a transport gateway, creating engaging, creative and inclusive spaces and strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change.

Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmeh Singh said the Coffs Harbour Regional City Action Plan is the NSW Government and Coffs Harbour Council's blueprint for the city's success.

"Strategic planning, clearly defined goals and strong collaboration will transform Coffs Harbour into a vibrant hub with great public spaces, a strong economy and better connections throughout the city, state and overseas," Mr Singh said.

Coffs Harbour City Council Mayor Denise Knight said the draft Regional City Action Plan recognises Coffs Harbour as a key centre for population and economic growth on the North Coast.

"This Plan provides a framework for Coffs Harbour to grow based on the five goals around how we meet, move, play, work and live," Cr Knight said.

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“I’m a great believer in working together to achieve results and I would encourage everybody to review and comment on the draft Plan to ensure Coffs Harbour has a bright and prosperous future.”

To read the plan and to provide your feedback by 3 July, visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/coffsharbourrcap