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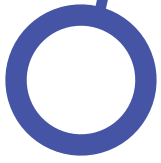
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# Introduction

**The New England North West Regional Plan 2036 is the NSW Government's strategy for guiding land use planning decisions for the New England North West for the next 20 years.**

**The New England North West consists of twelve local government areas: Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.**

## **The Regional Plan sets out four goals for the New England North West:**

- ***A strong and dynamic regional economy;***
- ***A healthy environment with pristine waterways;***
- ***Strong infrastructure and transport networks for a connected future; and***
- ***Attractive and thriving communities.***

The NSW Government has established a dedicated new body, the New England North West Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee, to oversee implementation of the vision, goals and actions in the Regional Plan. An annual monitoring report will be prepared to outline progress against the implementation plan.

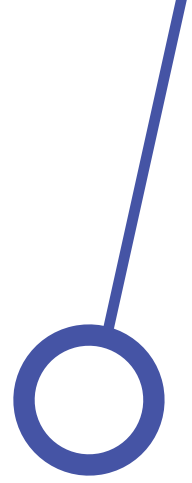
## **Purpose**

Responsibility for implementing actions and monitoring the intended outcomes in the Regional Plan is shared with our important regional stakeholders, including Councils, other State agencies, service providers and the development industry. All stakeholders need to have a good understanding of the priorities and the deliverables.

## **The purpose of this Implementation Plan is to:**

- ***ensure ongoing collaboration and agreement on the implementation of actions;***
- ***assign accountabilities for the implementation of actions;***
- ***explain the role of different groups and committees involved in implementation;***
- ***guide the New England North West Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee in its role of overseeing delivery of the Regional Plan; and***
- ***inform the Annual Monitoring Report.***

# Implementation



## Goals, directions and actions

The Regional Plan comprises four goals, 24 directions and 95 actions. The goals articulate the intended outcome; the directions identify the broad issues or policy areas that we need to focus on; and the actions represent the steps we need to take or initiatives we need to implement to achieve the goals. Actions are either implemented as strategies or as initiatives.

The NSW Government has identified a lead agency and relevant partner stakeholders for each action. The lead agency is responsible for project managing the various tasks required to ensure success. Key stakeholders are those agencies, councils or organisations considered important partners for implementation. The list of partners is not exclusive and additional stakeholders may be identified as implementation progresses.

### Indicative timings for actions are as follows:

- Immediate – 0-2 years;
- Short term – 3-5 years;
- Medium term – 5-10 years;
- Long term – 10+ years.

Some actions are also designated as ‘ongoing’ to reflect their delivery being achieved through Local Environmental Plans, local planning strategies and other land use planning that is required to be consistent with the Regional Plan.

Each action in the Regional Plan will be implemented through a mix of mechanisms that reflect a range of ongoing strategies and initiatives that will deliver on the vision and directions in the Plan, including:

### Strategies:

- Local planning directions issued under Section 117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* by the Minister for Planning that ensure council planning strategies and controls are consistent with the vision and guiding principles of the Regional Plan;
- Integrated planning and reporting under the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
- Whole-of-government policy alignment.

Progress on delivering these actions will be reviewed as part of any review or adjustment to the Regional Plan.

### Initiatives:

- Matters that require partnership between Councils and the NSW Government;
- Publication of reports or data; and
- Regional collaboration across government, business, key stakeholders and the wider community for specific projects and processes.

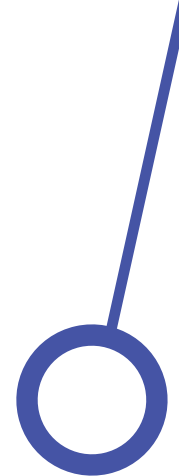
# Priority actions for 2017-2019

**Priorities for the New England North West are creating a competitive and dynamic regional economy, protecting natural areas, providing effective transport and infrastructure connections and developing resilient and attractive communities. Actions to support these outcomes represent the immediate areas of focus.**

Eight priority actions have been identified for implementation in 2017–2019. These actions respond to strong representations made in feedback to the draft Regional Plan or are areas where initial investigations or planning are required. These priorities will be overseen by the New England North West Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee and will require a collaborative effort involving multiple agencies, councils and stakeholders.

1. Prepare a Regional Intensive Agribusiness Strategy to foster ongoing investment and to specify guidelines for intensive agriculture, food processing and mapping for suitable future precincts for these uses.
2. Map important agricultural land and develop guidelines to support the implementation of the important agricultural land mapping through local plans.
3. Prepare a regional economic development strategy that promotes opportunities for the diversification of the economic base by identifying key enabling infrastructure and other policy interventions to unlock growth.
4. Monitor the supply of residential and employment land through the New England North West Housing and Land Monitor.
5. Prepare activation plans for the regional cities.
6. Deliver best-practice guidelines for planning, designing and developing healthy built environments.
7. Prepare guidelines for local housing strategies that will provide guidance on achieving greater housing diversity and planning for local affordable housing needs.
8. Prepare maps to identify sites of Aboriginal heritage in new land release areas, where culturally appropriate, to inform planning strategies and local plans to protect Aboriginal heritage.

# Governance



## Effective governance arrangements are critical to successful delivery

### Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee

The New England North West Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee has been established to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Regional Plan and brings together the agencies and organisations responsible for delivering the majority of proposed outcomes under the Regional Plan. The focus of the Committee is implementation of the Regional Plan.

Representation on this Committee is about engaging relevant and operations-focused people from agencies and organisations responsible for delivering the majority of proposed outcomes under the Regional Plan.

#### The role of the Committee is to:

- oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Regional Plan;
- provide accountability for delivery of the Regional Plan;
- be kept informed of general progress and participate in delivery of priority actions;
- monitor and track the progress of implementing the Regional Plan;
- where impediments are identified, collaborate for resolution;
- provide a forum to discuss and resolve implementation issues or action delivery in a changing regional policy environment;

- provide high-level progress updates to the New England North West Regional Leadership Executive (via the Department of Premier and Cabinet);
- inform the preparation of the Annual Monitoring Report; and
- inform and participate in a five-year review of the Regional Plan.

#### Committee membership includes:

- Department of Planning and Environment
- Joint Organisations of Councils
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Industry
- Transport for NSW and / or Roads and Maritime Services

#### Supporting Groups

The Committee can be supported by outcome-specific groups that bring together appropriate personnel (government, industry or community) to provide advice on particular issues or projects. A steering committee for each of the regional city action plans will be established that will report to the New England North West Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee.



## Regional governance framework

It is important to recognise the existing broader governance framework in operation within the region to ensure the newly established Committee complements existing governance structures and does not duplicate current activity.

The New England North West Regional Leadership Executive, which is a Department of Premier and Cabinet-led initiative, is a platform that supports closer working relationships between NSW Government agencies and New England North West Councils. The network encourages strategic collaboration, consultation, solution brokerage and engagement on regional priorities across government.

The Committee benefits from having access to the same agency and local government organisations that comprise the Regional Leadership Executive.

This is particularly important where the NSW Government 'Fit for the Future' reforms are changing the way Government works together on local priorities.

## Links to other strategies

The NSW Government has in place, or is developing, a number of other relevant strategies that will influence the implementation of the Regional Plan. The actions of each of these strategies have not been listed, however the Committee will have a role in ensuring that there is appropriate coordination across the implementation of the strategies. This applies, in particular, to those strategies that address housing growth and infrastructure. It is anticipated that these strategies will complement the focus of the Regional Plan.

**Figure 1: Regional Governance Framework**



## Review mechanisms

### Annual Monitoring Report

An Annual Monitoring Report will be prepared to monitor progress on implementation of the Regional Plan. This will report progress on goals, directions and actions with a focus on the priorities that have been agreed to by the Committee. It will also list achievements and important regional highlights from the year. Implementation priorities will be revised and a new program for work will be identified for each subsequent year.

### Regional Plan

The Regional Plan will be subject to a five-yearly review, or as necessary, to update and revise the strategies provided through the goals, directions and actions. A five-yearly review will revisit regional performance, challenges and opportunities and incorporate the most up-to-date information provided through the census process. The review of the Regional Plan will be informed by the Committee as well as the Annual Monitoring Reports.

### Implementation Plan

The priorities identified in this Implementation Plan will be updated on an annual basis and will form the work program for each subsequent year. This will ensure that implementation of the Regional Plan remains current and responsive to regional conditions.

## New England North West Regional Plan Actions

1	<b>Direction 1: Expand agribusiness and food processing sectors</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
1.1	Prepare a Regional Intensive Agribusiness Strategy to foster ongoing investment and to specify guidelines for intensive agriculture, food processing and mapping for suitable future precincts for these uses.	Initiative	DPE	Council, DOI	Immediate
1.2	Promote the expansion of agribusiness and associated value-adding activities through local plans.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing
1.3	Protect intensive agriculture clusters in local plans to avoid land use conflicts, particularly with residential and rural residential expansion.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing
1.4	Encourage commercial, tourist and recreation activities that complement and promote a stronger agricultural sector, and build the sector's adaptability.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing

2	<b>Direction 2: Build agricultural productivity</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
2.1	Develop industry-specific action plans to grow cotton, broadacre grains and grazing sectors and address sector-specific considerations through local plans.	Initiative	DOI	DPE, Council	Medium
2.2	Facilitate research and development institutions through local plans and identify opportunities to grow and promote innovation in the agricultural sector.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing
2.3	Promote investment in the agricultural supply chain through local plans by protecting these assets from land use conflict and the encroachment of incompatible land uses.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing

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3	<b>Direction 3: Protect and enhance productive agricultural lands</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
3.1	Map important agricultural land and develop guidelines to support the implementation of the important agricultural land mapping through local plans.	Initiative	DOI	DPE, Council	Immediate
3.2	Limit urban and rural residential development on important agricultural land, including mapped Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land, unless it is in a strategy that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>agreed between council and the Department of Planning and Environment; and</li> <li>consistent with the guidelines for councils on important agricultural land.</li> </ul>	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
3.3	Manage the interface between important agricultural lands and other land uses by incorporating controls in local plans that manage compatibility between land uses, and undertaking land use conflict risk assessments where potential conflicts are identified through rezoning processes.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
3.4	Secure the ongoing agricultural viability of rural land holdings by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>incorporating appropriate minimum subdivision standards and local planning provisions for rural dwellings in local plans to manage potential conflicts with agricultural activities; and</li> <li>monitoring annual changes in landholding sizes for each local government area.</li> </ul>	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
3.5	Minimise biosecurity risks by undertaking risk assessments, considering biosecurity plans and applying appropriate buffer areas.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
3.6	Facilitate long-term requirements for plantation forest land and processing facilities by restricting the encroachment of incompatible land uses.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
3.7	Finalise a NSW Travelling Stock Reserve State planning framework to guide the management of travelling stock reserves and help guide the development of regional travelling stock reserve management plans.	Initiative	DOI	OEH, LLS	Medium

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4	<b>Direction 4: Sustainably manage mineral resources</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
4.1	Consult with the NSW Division of Resources and Geoscience when assessing applications for land use changes (strategic land use planning, rezoning and planning proposals) and new developments or expansions.	Strategy	Council	DRG, DPE	Ongoing
4.2	Protect areas of mineral and energy resource potential through local strategies and local environmental plans.	Strategy	Council	DRG, DPE	Ongoing
4.3	Protect infrastructure that facilitates mining from development that could affect current or future extraction.	Strategy	Council	DRG, DPE	Ongoing

5	<b>Direction 5: Grow New England North West as the renewable energy hub of NSW</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
5.1	Diversify the energy sector by identifying renewable energy resource precincts and infrastructure corridors with access to the electricity network.	Initiative	DPE	Council, DOI	Short Term
5.2	Facilitate appropriate smaller-scale renewable energy projects using biowaste, solar, wind, hydro, geothermal or other innovative storage technologies.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing

6	<b>Direction 6: Deliver new industries of the future</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
6.1	Encourage green industries by reviewing local plans to ensure land use zonings reflect industry requirements.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
6.2	Prepare a regional economic development strategy that promotes opportunities for the diversification of the economic base by identifying key enabling infrastructure and other policy interventions to unlock growth.	Initiative	DPC	DPE, Council	Immediate

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7	<b>Direction 7: Build strong economic centres</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
7.1	Develop local growth management strategies and use local plans to reinforce regional cities and centres as the primary locations for commerce, housing, tourism, social activity and regional services.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
7.2	Focus retail and commercial activities in central business precincts and develop place-making focused planning strategies for centres.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
7.3	Develop proposals for new commercial centres only where they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate positive social and economic benefits for the wider community;</li> <li>maintain the strength of the regional economy;</li> <li>are consistent with the Interim Settlement Planning Principles at Appendix A;</li> <li>respond to retail supply and demand and innovations in the retail sector;</li> <li>maximise existing infrastructure (including public transport and community facilities) commensurate with the scale of the proposal; and</li> <li>enhance the value of the public realm.</li> </ul>	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
7.4	Facilitate economic activity around industry anchors, such as health and education facilities, through planning controls that encourage clusters of complementary uses and address infrastructure needs.	Strategy	Council	DPE, Health	Ongoing
7.5	Promote an appropriate mix of land uses and prevent the encroachment of sensitive uses on employment land through local planning controls.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
7.6	Deliver an adequate supply of employment land through local growth management strategies and local environmental plans.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
7.7	Ensure employment land delivery is maintained through an annual New England North West Housing and Land Monitor.	Initiative	DPE	Council	Immediate

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8	<b>Direction 8: Expand tourism and visitor opportunities</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
8.1	Facilitate tourism and visitor accommodation and supporting land uses where appropriate through local growth management strategies and local plans.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DCONSW	Ongoing
8.2	Prepare destination management plans or other tourism-focused strategies that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify culturally appropriate Aboriginal tourism opportunities;</li> <li>encourage tourism development in natural areas that support conservation outcomes;</li> <li>strategically plan for a growing international tourism market; and</li> <li>align with the Destination Management Plan prepared by Destination NSW.</li> </ul>	Strategy	Council	DPE, DCONSW	Ongoing
8.3	Promote opportunities to expand visitation to regionally significant nature-based tourism places, such as the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, Mount Kaputar, Gwydir Wetlands State Conservation Area, hot artesian mineral waters at Moree and koala colonies at Gunnedah.	Strategy	Council, OEH	DPE, DCONSW	Ongoing
8.4	Advocate for large-scale and high-quality tourism development in regional cities and other areas identified within the Destination Management Plan prepared by Destination NSW.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DCONSW	Ongoing
8.5	Implement Destination NSW's Draft Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2017 – 2020 when finalised.	Strategy	DNSW	Council	Ongoing

9	<b>Direction 9: Coordinate growth in the cities of Armidale and Tamworth</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
9.1	Deliver precinct plans to provide a holistic vision and planning framework for the regional cities.	Strategy	Armidale Regional and Tamworth Regional Councils	DPE	Ongoing
9.2	Prepare activation plans for the regional cities.	Initiative	Armidale Regional and Tamworth Regional Councils	DPE, DOI, TfNSW	Immediate

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10	<b>Direction 10: Sustainably manage and conserve water resources</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
10.1	Implement the Murray–Darling Basin Plan to balance social, economic and environmental outcomes.	Initiative	DOI	Council, DPE, OEH	Medium Term
10.2	Monitor the impacts of water-sharing plans on river and groundwater health, agriculture and settlements.	Initiative	DOI	Council, DPE, OEH	Medium Term
10.3	Investigate projects that deliver sustainable water outcomes in high-risk water catchments including the Gwydir.	Initiative	DOI, OEH	Council, DPE	Medium Term
10.4	Adopt an integrated approach to water cycle management to consider regional climate change, water security, sustainable demand and growth, and the natural environment.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing
10.5	Incorporate measures to improve water efficiency in urban and rural settings, including water sensitive urban design for new developments, into local planning policies.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing
10.6	Encourage the use of alternate water sources on local government assets, including playing fields.	Strategy	Council	DPE, DOI	Ongoing
10.7	Minimise the impact of development on key native fish habitat, address the cold water pollution impacts of Copeton Dam and mitigate barriers to fish movement.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH, DOI	Ongoing
10.8	Ensure local plans manage water catchment areas and groundwater sources to avoid potential development impacts.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH, DOI	Ongoing

11	<b>Direction 11: Protect areas of potential high environmental value</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
11.1	Focus development to areas of least biodiversity sensitivity and implement the 'avoid, minimise, offset' hierarchy to biodiversity and areas of high environmental value.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH, DOI	Ongoing
11.2	Ensure local plans consider areas of high environmental value to avoid potential development impacts.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH	Ongoing
11.3	Encourage the identification of vegetated areas adjacent to aquatic habitats and riparian corridors in local plans.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH, DOI	Ongoing

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12	<b>Direction 12: Adapt to natural hazards and climate change</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
12.1	Minimise the risk from natural hazards and the projected effects of climate change by identifying hazards, managing risks and avoiding vulnerable areas, particularly when considering new urban release areas.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH	Ongoing
12.2	Incorporate new knowledge on regional climate projections, including flooding and bushfire risk, related cumulative impacts, and findings of the New England North West Enabling Regional Adaptation Project in local plans for new development.	Strategy	Council	DPE, OEH	Ongoing
12.3	Review and update floodplain and bushfire mapping to manage risk, particularly where urban growth is being investigated.	Initiative	Council	DPE, OEH	Long Term
12.4	Encourage councils where naturally occurring asbestos occurs to map the extent of asbestos and develop an asbestos policy to manage associated risks.	Strategy	Council	DPE, EPA	Ongoing

13	<b>Direction 13: Expand emerging industries through freight and logistics connectivity</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
13.1	Implement local planning controls to protect freight and logistics facilities from encroachment of sensitive land uses.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing
13.2	Work with the Australian Government and councils as the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Corridor project progresses.	Initiative	TfNSW	DPE, Council	Medium Term
13.3	Integrate cross-border transport planning between NSW and Queensland.	Initiative	TfNSW	DPE, Council	Medium Term
13.4	Locate freight and logistics facilities to maximise existing infrastructure, support future industrial development and capitalise on inter-regional connections and external markets.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing

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14	<b>Direction 14: Enhance transport and infrastructure networks</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
14.1	Protect freight and utility infrastructure and corridors through local plans and strategies to protect network opportunities and distribution from incompatible land uses or land fragmentation.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW, ARTC, Utility authorities	Ongoing
14.2	Minimise the impact of development on the regional and State road network and rail corridors by identifying buffer and mitigation measures.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing
14.3	Support councils to investigate opportunities to provide greater access for high productivity vehicles.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing
14.4	Prioritise projects that address impediments to the regional freight network and work with stakeholders to upgrade transport network capacity as demand changes.	Initiative	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Short Term

15	<b>Direction 15: Facilitate air and public transport infrastructure</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
15.1	Promote aviation-related employment opportunities and precincts.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing
15.2	Protect airports from the encroachment of incompatible development.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing
15.3	Provide public transport to major services and employment areas where the size of the urban area has the potential to generate sufficient demand.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing

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16	<b>Direction 16: Coordinate infrastructure delivery</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
16.1	Undertake detailed infrastructure service planning to establish that land can be feasibly and economically serviced prior to rezoning.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
16.2	Maximise the cost-effective and efficient use of infrastructure by focusing development on existing infrastructure or promoting co-location of new infrastructure.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing
16.3	Work with stakeholders and infrastructure providers to investigate funding models for utility infrastructure.	Initiative	DPC, DOI	Council	Short Term
16.4	Integrate cross-border land use planning between NSW and Queensland.	Strategy	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Ongoing

17	<b>Direction 17: Strengthen community resilience</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
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17.1	Develop local plans and economic strategies that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>raise the profile of the area and awareness of opportunities for employment, business development and quality of life;</li> <li>target opportunities for younger demographics; and</li> <li>foster collaboration with business sectors to develop employment opportunities that can attract and retain younger people and professional and skilled workers.</li> </ul>	Initiative	Council	DPE, DOI	Short Term
17.2	Prepare precinct plans to guide development and establish appropriate land use zoning, development standards and developer contributions.	Initiative	Council	DPE	Medium Term
17.3	Implement the outcomes of the Western NSW Mining and Resource Development Taskforce to harness the economic benefits of mining, and help communities plan for the implications of mining.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
17.4	Update the Strengthening Rural Communities Resource Kit.	Initiative	DPC	Council	Short Term

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18	<b>Direction 18: Provide great places to live</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
18.1	Identify future areas of urban expansion or intensification in local growth management strategies that are consistent with the Interim Settlement Planning Principles, (Appendix A) or comprehensive settlement planning guidelines once released.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
18.2	Secure an appropriate supply of residential land to meet projected housing needs within local growth management strategies endorsed by the Department of Planning and Environment.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
18.3	Develop comprehensive settlement planning guidelines.	Initiative	DPE	Council	Short Term
18.4	Monitor the supply of residential land and housing through the New England North West Housing and Land Monitor.	Initiative	DPE	Council	Immediate

19	<b>Direction 19: Support healthy, safe, socially engaged and well connected communities</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
19.1	Deliver best-practice guidelines for planning, designing and developing healthy built environments.	Initiative	DPE	Council, TfNSW, Health	Immediate
19.2	Facilitate more recreational walking and cycling paths, linkages with centres and public transport, and expand inter-regional and intra-regional walking and cycling links.	Initiative	Council	DPE, TfNSW	Short Term
19.3	Establish social infrastructure benchmarks, minimum standards and social impact assessment frameworks within local planning.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
19.4	Deliver crime prevention through environmental design outcomes through urban design processes.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing

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20	<b>Direction 20: Deliver greater housing diversity to suit changing needs</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
20.1	Develop local growth management strategies to respond to changing housing needs, including household and demographic changes.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
20.2	Prepare guidelines for local housing strategies that will provide guidance on achieving greater housing diversity and planning for local affordable housing needs.	Initiative	DPE	Council	Immediate
20.3	Promote ageing-in-place by adopting elements of Livable Housing Australia's Livable Housing Design Guidelines in development controls for housing, where possible.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
20.4	Deliver more opportunities for affordable housing by incorporating policies and tools into local growth management strategies and local plans that will incentivise private investment in affordable housing.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
20.5	Facilitate housing and accommodation options for seasonal and itinerant workers by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>preparing planning guidelines for seasonal and itinerant workers accommodation to inform the location and design of future facilities; and</li> <li>working with councils to consider opportunities to permit such facilities through local environmental plans.</li> </ul>	Initiative	DPE	Council	Medium Term

21	<b>Direction 21: Deliver well planned rural residential housing</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
21.1	Enable new rural residential development where identified in a local growth management strategy prepared by council and endorsed by the Department of Planning and Environment.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing
21.2	Deliver rural residential development consistent with Principles 1-5 of the Interim Settlement Planning Principles (Appendix A) or comprehensive framework once released.	Strategy	Council	DPE	Ongoing

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22	<b>Direction 22: Increase the economic self-determination of Aboriginal communities</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
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22.1	Deliver opportunities to increase the economic independence of Aboriginal communities through training, employment and tourism.	Initiative	AANSW	Council, LALC, DPE, DNSW	Medium Term
22.2	Foster closer cooperation with Local Aboriginal Land Councils to identify the unique potential and assets of the New England North West's communities.	Strategy	Council	DPE, AANSW, LALC	Ongoing
22.3	Identify priority sites with economic development potential that Local Aboriginal Land Councils may wish to consider for further investigation.	Initiative	DPE	Council, LALC, AANSW	Short Term

23	<b>Direction 23: Collaborate with Aboriginal communities to respect and protect Aboriginal culture and heritage</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
			Responsibility <sup>1</sup>	Partner <sup>2</sup>	Timing <sup>3</sup>
23.1	Ensure Aboriginal communities are engaged throughout the preparation of local planning strategies and local plans.	Strategy	Council	DPE, AANSW, LALC	Ongoing
23.2	Prepare maps to identify sites of Aboriginal heritage in new land release areas, where culturally appropriate, to inform planning strategies and local plans to protect Aboriginal heritage.	Initiative	OEH	DPE, AANSW, Council, LALC	Immediate
23.3	Develop partnerships with Aboriginal communities to facilitate engagement during the planning process, including the development of engagement protocols.	Strategy	Council	DPE, AANSW, LALC	Ongoing
23.4	Undertake Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments to inform the design of planning and development proposals so that impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage are avoided and appropriate heritage management mechanisms are identified.	Strategy	Council	DPE, AANSW, LALC	Ongoing
23.5	Develop local heritage studies in consultation with the local Aboriginal community and adopt appropriate measures in planning strategies and local plans to avoid and protect Aboriginal heritage.	Strategy	Council	DPE, AANSW, LALC	Ongoing

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24	<b>Direction 24: Protect the region's historic heritage assets</b>				
	Action	Initiative or Strategy	Governance		
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24.1	<i>Prepare, review and update heritage studies in consultation with the wider community to identify and protect heritage items, and include appropriate local planning controls.</i>	Strategy	Councils	DPE, OEH	Ongoing
24.2	<i>Ensure best-practice guidelines are considered such as the Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites Charter for Places of Cultural Significance and the NSW Heritage Manual when assessing heritage significance.</i>	Strategy	Councils	DPE, OEH	Ongoing
24.3	<i>Develop conservation management policies for heritage items and areas to provide for sympathetic and adaptive use of heritage items and assets.</i>	Strategy	Councils	DPE, OEH	Ongoing



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