

Regional Planning Monitoring Report

2019

Central West
and Orana





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Vineyards on the Mitchell Highway south of Orange, NSW.

Introduction



The NSW Government continues to focus on growing regional economies and communities, delivering catalyst projects to achieve these outcomes.

The Regional Plans

The Regional Plans were developed to guide planning for the existing and future community's needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure and a healthy environment. These plans set a clear vision and direction for how each region can leverage future opportunities to ensure their communities remain vibrant and dynamic.

The Regional Plans provide an overarching framework, to coordinating a whole of government approach to land use planning decisions and priorities across the State. To achieve their vision, the Regional Plans are structured around a number of goals, directions and actions. The actions in the Regional Plans are identified as either immediate actions (0-2 years), short term (3-5 years), medium term (5-10 years) or long term and are implemented as strategies or as initiatives. The NSW Government has identified a lead agency and relevant partners and priority for each action.

The lead agency is responsible for project managing the various tasks required to ensure the success of each action.

Governance

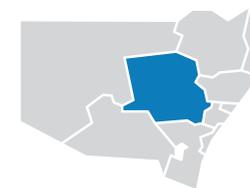
Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees, including the Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation, have been established to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Regional Plan and bring together agencies and organisations responsible for delivering the majority of the outcomes. The Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees meet regularly, drive delivery of the plan and identify priorities for implementation.

The Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees are operations focused and membership includes delegates from local government, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Health, Department of Education and Transport for NSW. The Committees are also supported by outcome specific groups that bring together appropriate representatives from government, industry and community to provide advice on particular issues or projects.

Purpose

The *Regional Planning Monitoring Report 2019* details the work undertaken by the NSW Government, local councils and other stakeholders to implement the Regional Plans. The report outlines the key achievements around delivering on the goals, directions and actions of each Regional Plan with a particular focus on the priorities that have been agreed with the Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees in each region. The report outlines the work plan that will be progressed over the next 12 months to deliver the goals of each region across the State.

Highlights



Orange Health and Knowledge Precinct

The *Orange Health and Knowledge Precinct Masterplan* has been prepared to provide strategic direction for a health precinct in Orange. The Masterplan identifies opportunities to promote a cluster of health-related activities to broaden the range of services, enable business synergies and improve community access to health services.



Dubbo Health, Education and Well-being Precinct Masterplan

The *Dubbo Health, Education and Well-being Precinct Masterplan* has been prepared. The project was jointly funded between Western NSW Local Health District, Charles Sturt University and Dubbo Regional Council. The project is the output of a priority action from the *Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036* to establish health precincts around hospitals in regional cities and strategic centres. A major component of the project includes an economic growth analysis and a visual constraints and opportunities analysis. The Masterplan will inform the land use planning outcomes required to realise success of the precinct.



Agribusiness and Tourism Development

The NSW Government has investigated barriers to agribusiness, value added manufacturing opportunities and tourism development by examining local plans and seeking the advice of councils and agencies. This has informed a set of recommendations for State and local planning policy and the preparation of guidance material for councils.



Supporting Aboriginal Communities

An *Introduction to Planning* course has been delivered to Local Aboriginal Land Councils to improve the awareness of the NSW planning system and its implications for the development of land owned by the Local Aboriginal Land Councils.



Inland Rail Project

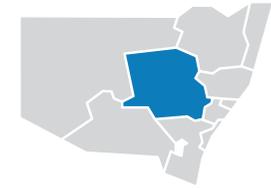
The NSW Government has been working with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development to progress the Parkes to Narromine section of the Inland Rail Project.



Conservation of Heritage Assets

The Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) has delivered a workshop with councils on facilitating the conservation of heritage assets and sought advice on the barriers to the adaptive reuse of heritage items. The advice will be used to identify the resource needs of councils to remove barriers to the adaptive reuse of heritage items.

Highlights



Cooee Lodge Retirement Village Case Study

The *Cooee Lodge Retirement Village Case Study* has been prepared in collaboration between Gilgandra Shire Council and the NSW Government to provide a resource for councils when developing aged care accommodation.



Seasonal and Itinerant Worker Accommodation

The NSW Government is developing guidance material that will help councils and accommodation providers to better plan for and manage seasonal and itinerant worker accommodation in regional communities.



Land Use Strategy Review

Blayney Shire, Orange City and Cabonne Councils are reviewing the *Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Rural and Industrial Lands Strategy* which focuses on employment-generating development on rural and industrial land to promote the area as a key location for primary production, value adding and industrial development.



NSW Transmission Infrastructure Strategy

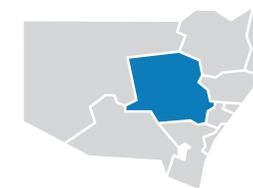
The *NSW Transmission Infrastructure Strategy* is the NSW Government's plan to unlock private sector investment in priority transmission infrastructure projects, which can deliver least cost energy to customers to 2040 and beyond. The Strategy forms part of the government's broader plan to make energy more affordable, secure investment in new power stations and network infrastructure, and ensure new technologies deliver benefits for consumers.



Local Housing Strategy Guideline

The NSW Government has developed a guideline and template to support preparation of local housing strategies by councils. A local housing strategy establishes a council's vision for providing housing in a local government area. They include consideration of demographic factors, local housing supply and demand, and local land-use opportunities and constraints.

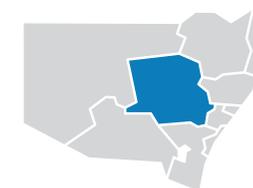
Priority Actions 2017-19



Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Develop a <i>Regional Agricultural Development Strategy</i> that: maps important agricultural land; identifies emerging opportunities for agriculture; and, sets direction for local planning of agricultural development.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	DEC 2020
Encourage agribusiness diversification and value-adding opportunities by reviewing local plans to ensure land use zonings and land use definitions reflect industry requirements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	JUN 2020
Develop a food and fibre strategy for the Central West, reflecting the opportunities identified in the <i>Regional Development Australia Central West's Value Adding to Agriculture in Central West NSW</i> study.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Align local land use and tourism strategies with a <i>Destination Management Plan</i> for the Country and Outback NSW Destination Network.	✓	✓	-	-	-	DEC 2020
Conduct a pilot study with Central NSW Councils to investigate practical on-ground mechanisms that will help avoid land use conflict between intensive agricultural uses and other sensitive uses	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	DEC 2019
Establish health precincts around hospitals in regional cities and strategic centres. (Dubbo and Orange reflected - work in other regional cities and strategic centres is ongoing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Work with Central NSW Councils to scope barriers to the adaptive reuse of heritage items.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Build on existing work to identify a regional freight network (including key national, state, regional and local roads and the rail network).	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	JUN 2020
Produce guidelines to help councils plan and manage seasonal and itinerant worker accommodation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	MAR 2020
Release regional urban design guidelines, for planning, designing and developing healthy built environments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	MAR 2020

Our work plan 2019-20

to implement the Central West and Orana Regional Plan



Action 7.1

Work with the Local Aboriginal Land Councils on strategic assessments of their landholdings to identify priority sites with economic development potential.

(DPIE)

Action 5.1

Establish health precincts around hospitals in the regional cities and strategic centres.

(Council)

Action 18.7

Work with the Australian Government and councils to finalise planning, engineering design and assessment of the proposed Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Corridor.

(TfNSW)

(DPIE) Responsible agency

Action 19.1

Build on existing work to identify the regional freight network, including key national, State, regional and local road and the rail network.

(Council)

Action 23.2 *

Work with councils to better understand the drivers of population change and implications for local communities.

(DPIE)

Action 26.4 *

Review State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 to make it more applicable for private developers in regional areas.

(DPIE)

* New priorities

Action 26.6 *

Work with councils to investigate the demand for seniors housing and to identify barriers to providing low care and independent seniors accommodation options across the region.

(DPIE)

Action 13.3 *

Improve the quality of, and access to, information relating to high environmental value.

(EES)

Action 24.1 *

Develop partnerships and engagement protocols with Aboriginal communities during the planning process.

(Council)

Action 24.2 *

Engage Aboriginal communities during the preparation of local housing strategies and local environmental plans.

(Council)

New Action *

Consult with councils and establish guidance to inform the assessment of cumulative impacts of renewable energy projects.

(DPIE)

DPIE – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, TfNSW – Transport for NSW, EES – Environment, Energy and Science Group