Regional Planning Monitoring Report

2019

Hunter

NSW Government
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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.
Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan

The Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 has been finalised and aligns with the Greater Newcastle Future Transport Plan 2056. These Plans set out strategies and actions that will drive sustainable growth and integrated land use planning and transport to achieve the leading regional economy in Australia with a vibrant new metropolitan city at its heart.

Revitalising Newcastle

The Newcastle Interchange, the new major transport hub for the city, has been opened and links trains, buses, taxis and light rail. The Newcastle Light Rail is now open and provides frequent, reliable travel options throughout the city centre, connecting key activity precincts, reinvigorating Hunter and Scott streets, and opening up great urban renewal opportunities. Market Street Lawn, Old Newcastle Station and Museum Park were opened to the public and provide additional community spaces.

Global Gateways – Newcastle Port

The Port of Newcastle has completed master planning for Newcastle Port that will support the growth of an internationally competitive economy and will align with the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 and Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036.

Global Gateways – Newcastle Airport

Newcastle Airport Corporation, with support from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, has released the Newcastle Airport Vision and Newcastle Airport Master Plan setting out the airfield, terminal, landside, ground transport and aviation support facilities needed to cater for 3,000 additional jobs and a doubling of passenger numbers.

Employment Lands Development Monitor

The Hunter Employment Land Development Monitor has been released. The annual report provides updated data on existing and future planned stocks of employment land, as well as identifying the development servicing status.

Hunter Urban Development Program

Along with the greenfield land audit and workshops on forecasting held with stakeholders, an evidence base is being developed to monitor dwelling construction and coordinate the staged release and rezoning of land. The Hunter Urban Development Program Committee is providing expert advice on managing the supply of land for housing.

Upper Hunter Economic Diversification Action Plan

The Upper Hunter Economic Diversification Action Plan is being implemented to support the ongoing transformation in the Upper Hunter’s economy.
## Priority Actions 2017-19

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### Implementing the Hunter Regional Plan:

**Action 4.10**
Finalise the draft Hunter Expressway Strategy (DPIE)

**Action 5.7**
Implement Upper Hunter Economic Diversification Action Plan (DPIE)

**Action 14.5**
Strategic Conservation Planning (EES)

**Action 25.1**
Update and expand the Urban Development Program

**Action 25.3**
Update the Employment Lands Development Monitor

**Direction 5**
Roadmap for the Upper Hunter (DPIE)

### Implementing the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan:

**GNMP Actions 5.2 + 6.1**
Brand and Identity Strategy (HCCDC)

**GNMP Action 12.5**
Pilot Greenspace Program for Greater Newcastle (DPIE)

**GNMP Action 17.4**
Strategic Biodiversity Certification for Greater Newcastle (DPIE)

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(DPIE) Responsible agency  
* New priorities  
■ GNMP Priorities

DPIE - Department of Planning, Industry and Environment,  
EES - Environment, Energy and Science Group,  
HCCDC - Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation,  
GNMP - Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan