

Regional Planning Monitoring Report

2019

South East
& Tablelands





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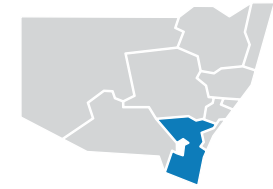
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Introduction



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

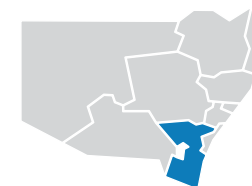
Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committees, including the Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation, have been established to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Regional Plan and bring together agencies and organisations responsible for delivering the majority of the outcomes.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

Highlights



Snowies Iconic Great Walk and Tracks

The NSW Government has allocated funding to extend walking and mountain biking trails in Kosciuszko National Park, including the Snowies Iconic Great Walk and a new 39-kilometre Light to Light Great Walk in the Ben Boyd National Park.



Regional Airport Infrastructure

In 2019, the NSW Government and Eurobodalla Shire Council jointly funded a major upgrade to Moruya Airport. The NSW Government has also secured funding to upgrade the Merimbula Airport runway.



Koala Habitats and Corridors

The Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) and Wingecarribee Shire Council have commenced mapping key koala habitats and corridors. This mapping will inform a revised high environmental vegetation lands map and will contribute to the development of a *Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management*.



Delivering Road Infrastructure Projects

Infrastructure projects are underway or completed that upgrade strategic transport corridors and local access, including the Kings Highway safety program. In addition, projects are underway to improve the capacity of the regional freight network with improvements to roads and timber bridges.



Planning Principles for Border Communities

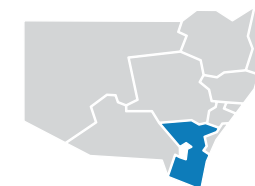
The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has prepared a report that identifies key principles for the funding and delivery of infrastructure and services for new communities in border locations. The report includes principles, guidance and best practice examples.



Port of Eden Upgrade

The NSW Government is investing in increased tourism and economic growth. It has almost completed construction of the Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension and has commenced construction of a wave attenuation project in the port area. Funding has also been announced for a new cruise ship Passenger Welcome Centre.

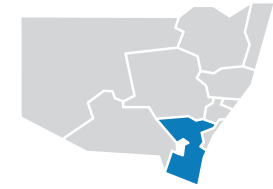
Priority Actions 2017-19



Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Develop a Visitor Economy Strategy for the Snowy Mountains.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Map important agricultural land to better inform strategic and local planning processes.	✓	✓	✓	-	-	DEC 2020
Develop profiles of the leading agricultural industries to guide future investment decisions.	✓	✓	✓	-	-	DEC 2020
Develop a strategy to encourage marine-based tourism along the South Coast and Illawarra-Shoalhaven.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Prepare guidelines for local housing strategies.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Coordinate the provision of services and infrastructure required to support housing delivery in the Yass Valley and Queanbeyan-Palerang local government areas, including South Jerrabomberra and Parkwood.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Develop best-practice guidelines for planning, designing and developing healthy built environments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	MAR 2020
Work with the ACT Government to develop a cross-border land and housing monitor.	✓	-	-	-	-	JUN 2020
Improve planning authorities access to regional biodiversity corridor mapping and methodology and improve the quality of access to information relating to land with identified high environmental values.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Develop the Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy which includes the Yass Valley and Queanbeyan-Palerang local government areas.	✓	-	-	-	-	DEC 2020

Our work plan 2019-20

to implement the South East & Tablelands Regional Plan



Action 8.1

Map Important Agricultural Land and profiles of the leading agricultural industries.

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Action 22.1

Finalise Urban Design Guide for Regional NSW

(DPIE)

Action 26.3

Develop a Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy

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Action 26.5

Develop a Cross Border Land and Housing Monitor with the ACT

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