Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056 and District Plan Discussion Drafts:

West Central District Briefing
West Central District Commissioner

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District Plans
Our drafts

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**District Plans**
- **2016**: Prepare draft District Plans
- **2017**: Exhibit
- **2017**: Aim to Finalise

**Greater Sydney Region Plan**
1. **STEP 1**: Our Vision - Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056*
   - Exhibit
2. **STEP 2**: Prepare comprehensive review of A Plan for Growing Sydney
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*Draft Amendment to update A Plan for Growing Sydney (the initial Greater Sydney Region Plan)
Chief Executive Officer

Sarah Hill
District Plans

Overview
- Summary brochure of the draft District Plan

Draft District Plan
- The requirements of the legislative framework

Maps
- A compilation of maps and spatial information used to inform the draft District Plan

Background Material
- Data and Reports used to inform the draft District Plan

Website Dashboard
- How the draft District Plan is to be monitored

Our Vision Towards our Greater Sydney 2056
- A draft amendment to update A Plan for Growing Sydney

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The big issues

PRODUCTIVE

SUSTAINABLE

LIVEABLE

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Productivity

• Centres and jobs targets
• 30-minute city
• Employment and urban services lands

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Sustainability

- Blue and Green Grid
- Protecting the Metropolitan Rural Area
- Urban efficiency and resilience
Liveability

- 5 year and 20 year housing targets
- Affordable Rental Housing Target
- Creating great places

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Draft district plan status

Two key roles:

• Inform Local Environment Plans (once final)
• Consideration for planning proposals (draft)

APfGS Amendment – no statutory weight

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What it means for West Central District?
Feedback on key themes

- Jobs: 14%
- Transport and infrastructure: 32%
- Housing: 17%
- Great places: 25%
- Environment: 8%
- Other comments and suggestions: 4%
Thriving Innovation Ecosystems are Inclusive

Government should focus on providing opportunities for disadvantaged communities to participate in innovation ecosystems, facilitate educational and vocational institutions to equip people with the skills needed, and ensure that the innovation economy is inclusive and available to all, not just the best-in-class talent.
City-Science Connected System
ED-Med
Westmead
2. Different Catalysts, Common Components

Recognising and capitalising on the unique catalysts and contexts for an innovation ecosystem is important, but the developing all the elements and components (transport, housing, commercial space, social and community services, public space) that turn a cluster of innovation industries into an innovation ecosystem is vital.
ResMed–The Hills
Connectivity
Lots of Rail
EXITING VIBRANT PLACES FOR THE M’S
Attractive = Smart

Urban renewal is transforming many local communities through better transport, social infrastructure and public open space.
Creating Place-Space
enclosing the street

Establish an appropriate scale for buildings to enclose and frame the street
well-designed mixed-use development and active street frontage to enliven the street

shared streets narrow the vehicle lanes to accommodate pedestrians, cycle lanes, and on-street parking

protected bike lanes adjacent to dense commercial areas

calculated bike protection

street parking areas developed as accessible to the pedestrian pedestrian

before

after
Co-locate a range of complementary uses such as residential, employment, retail, and community facilities supported by public transport and a network of well-designed streets and public spaces.
Active street frontages stimulate pedestrian activity and improve safety.

Pavement materials and landscaping improved to enhance appearance and quality of the public domain.

Revised asset buildings close to public transport support a sustainable, vibrant and lively centre.
Heritage as part of future
Not merely preserve paste
Great Cultural Space

- Soul Defining
- Socially Lifting
- Related to Future of Place
- Inspiring inside and Out
- Noble and Global Attractor
- Controversial
nightlife

Centres should be active places beyond “9-to-5” with a range of activities available in the evening, adding life and vibrancy to places
Work and Place—same Place
cycle lanes

Integrate cycle lanes on streets as an affordable and sustainable transport mode with multiple well-known benefits
4. The “Squishy Stuff”

The role of not-for-profits in providing the “squishy stuff” – in facilitating, encouraging, supporting, mentoring, and massaging the innovation ecosystem is an important element, and each community should establish a hub for locals to meet, collaborate and create a supportive environment for the innovation ecosystem.
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