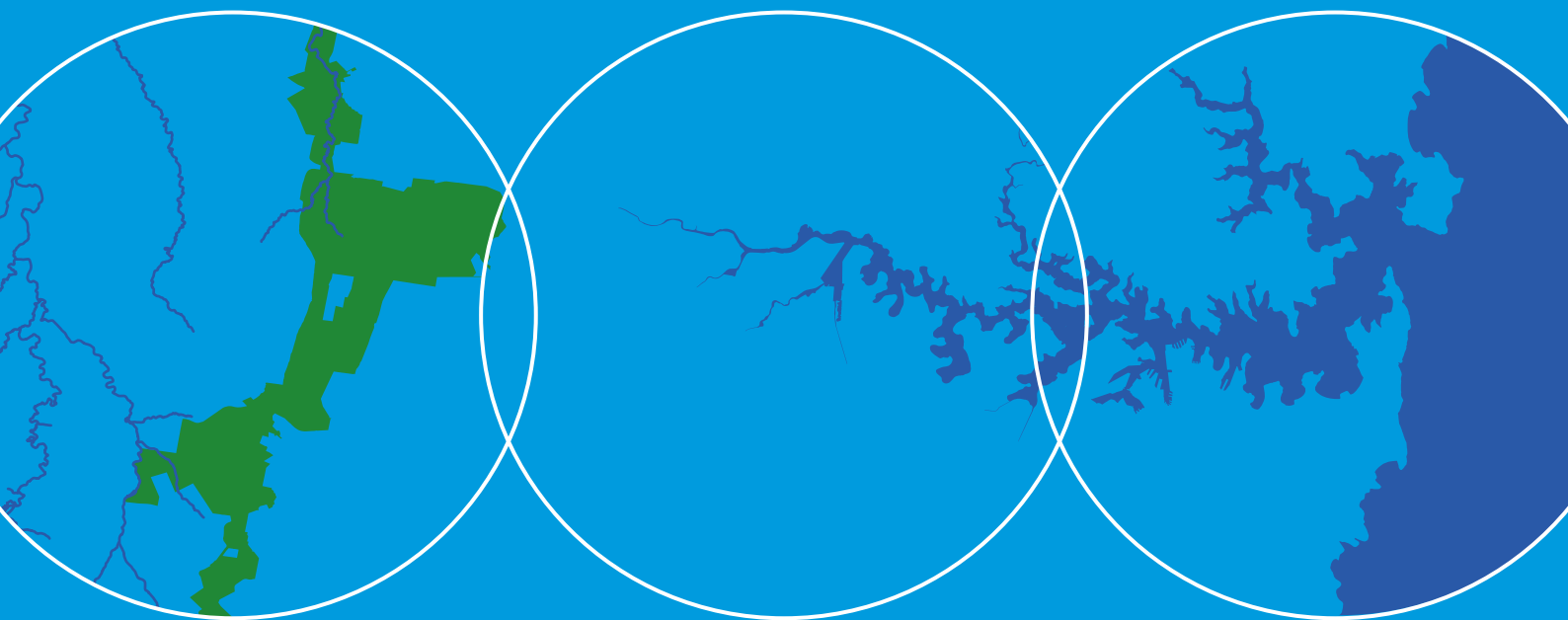


# Growth Infrastructure Compacts

Planning, prioritising and coordinating infrastructure  
to deliver a Greater Sydney



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# Introducing Growth Infrastructure Compacts

**Greater Sydney is a successful and growing city, but, to become more liveable, sustainable and productive, it will need additional infrastructure and services in the right places and at the right time.**

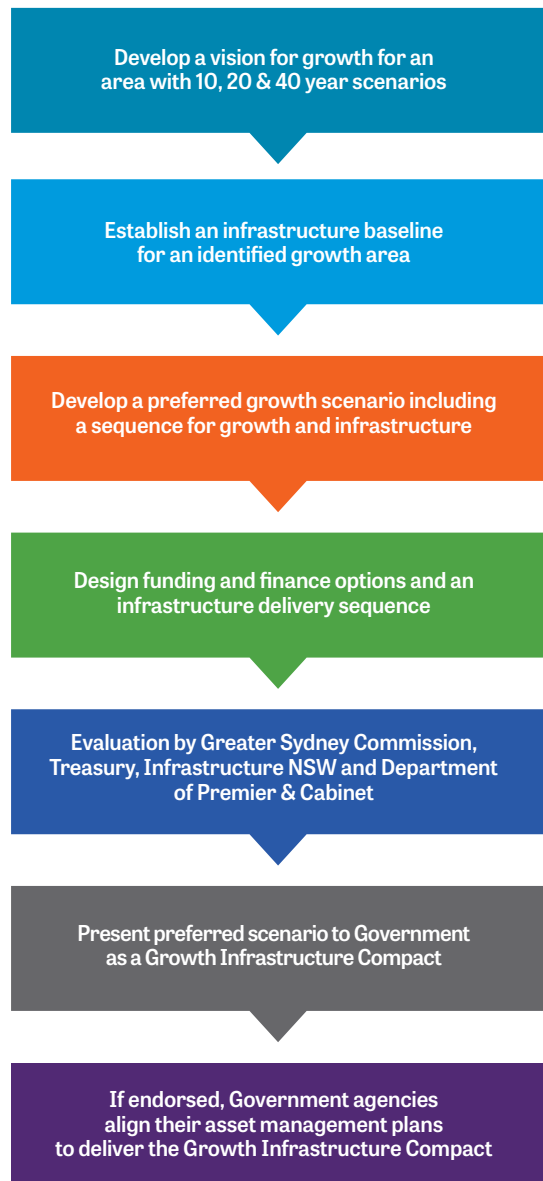
With a current population of 4.7 million people and 6 million by 2036, that means providing more roads, public transport, services and schools where we live and work.

To achieve this, a better, more collaborative way of doing things is required, so the Greater Sydney Commission has designed Growth Infrastructure Compacts which will bring government, business and the community together to match housing and jobs growth with timely and cost-effective delivery of infrastructure.

A Growth Infrastructure Compact starts by identifying where significant residential and employment growth could occur. Then, government agencies, the community and industry work together to develop a shared vision for those areas.

Scenarios are then developed looking at what new and enhanced local and regional infrastructure will be needed to support the growth. What will it cost? How will it be funded and when can it be delivered?

With all the variables understood, the Growth Infrastructure Compact results in a coordinated, 'place-based' plan for growth and infrastructure with community and industry input and local and state government backing. Working with Government agencies, industry and the community, the Commission will follow the process outlined adjacent.



## Key Aims

- Envisage the growth potential of a place and explore scenarios for the long-term future.
- Be upfront about the range of infrastructure and services needed to grow a place, the costs involved and how this could feasibly be funded.
- Get smarter about staging growth by being selective about where, when and what to invest in to ensure the delivery of successful places.
- Make the delivery of new places more certain, cost effective and easier to understand for investors, developers and the local community.

# Q & A

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## 1. Why are Growth Infrastructure Compacts necessary?

Greater Sydneysiders have told us that one of their biggest concerns as the city grows, is the need for infrastructure to be provided in the right places and at the right time. Meeting this community expectation requires a new approach based on collaboration and engagement between the Greater Sydney Commission, government agencies, industry and the community looking at a growth area's needs and planning cost effective and timely delivery. Growth Infrastructure Compacts also will help government make well-informed decisions on which areas have the best potential for growth.

## 2. What are the key benefits of Growth Infrastructure Compacts?

Growth Infrastructure Compacts are an evidence and collaboration-based approach to land use and infrastructure planning that involve the Commission, government agencies, industry and the community. By looking at 10, 20 and 40-year growth scenarios and establishing infrastructure needs and costs, Growth Infrastructure Compacts can help deliver the best and most cost-effective outcomes for communities.

## 3. How are they different to how land use and infrastructure have been planned previously?

Growth Infrastructure Compacts will allow a more robust place-based and evidence based methodology rather than a precinct-by-precinct or project-by-project approach.

## 4. When will the first one be developed?

The first Growth Infrastructure Compact will be prepared for the Greater Parramatta to the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP) region. The Commission is in the process of establishing a dedicated team including program and infrastructure managers, data, visualisation and engagement specialists to deliver the compact in 2018.

## 5. Are they done anywhere else?

The Commission believes the concept of Growth Infrastructure Compacts is a world-first. But what is most important is that Greater Sydneysiders want planning for growth linked to planning for infrastructure and we have developed Growth Infrastructure Compacts to achieve this.

## 6. Growth Infrastructure Compacts appear to rely heavily on collaboration and cooperation between government agencies, so how will that be achieved?

The concept has been well received by key government agencies who share the Commission's enthusiasm for a new approach that takes a more holistic and collaborative, evidence-based approach to land use and infrastructure planning.

## 7. What will this mean for Priority Precincts?

The Growth Infrastructure Compact model is being piloted in GPOP. If the model is successful it may be applied in other high growth areas.

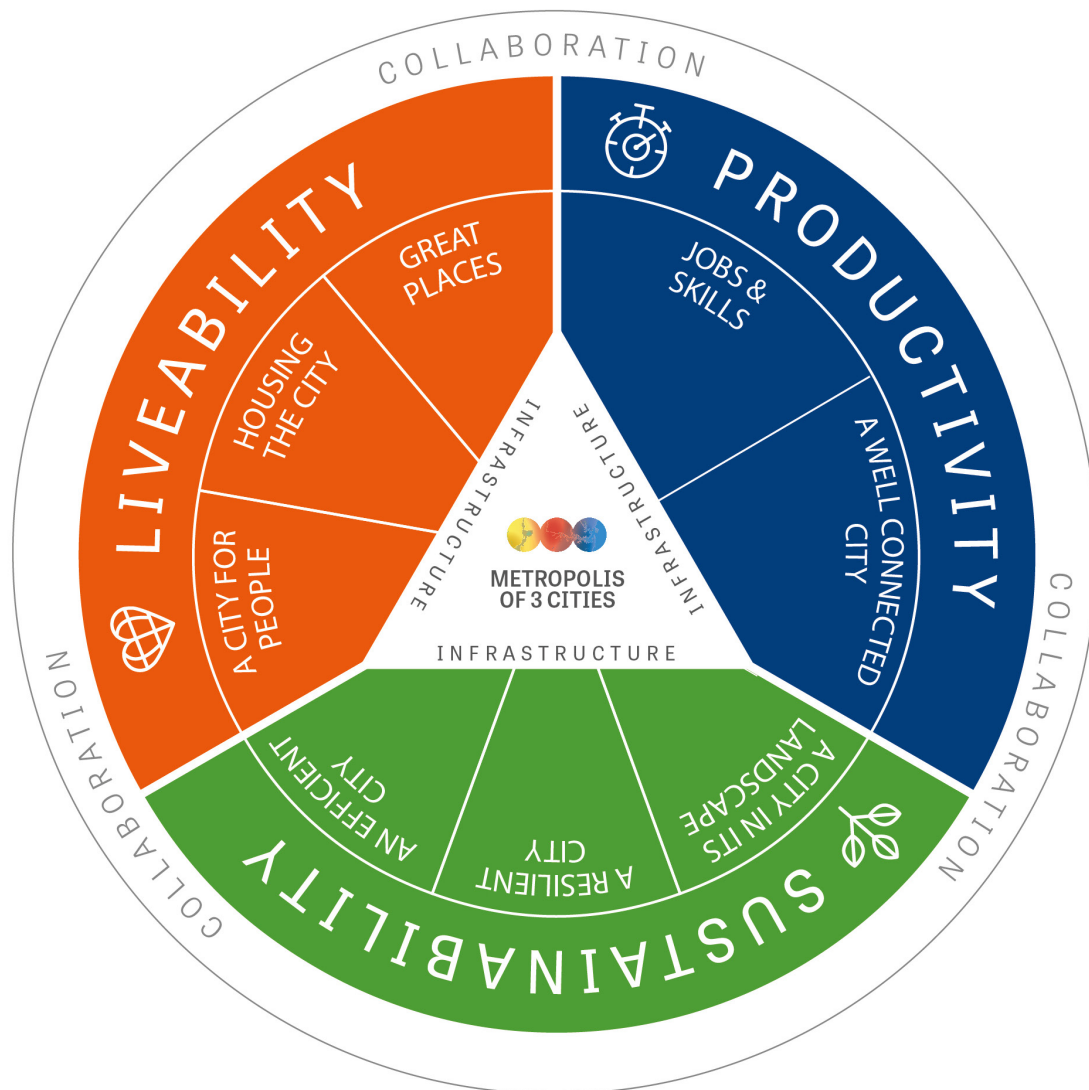
## 8. Which government agencies will be involved?

Our work with key government agencies includes but is not be limited to, Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services, Sydney Water and other utilities, the Department of Education, NSW Health and the Department of Planning and Environment.

## 9. Is the Government obliged to implement a Growth Infrastructure Compact?

Growth Infrastructure Compacts will be presented to Government by the Commission under its responsibility to provide independent expert advice. Implementation will remain a decision for government.

Growth Infrastructure Compacts are a key component of the ten Directions for a Greater Sydney.



*Directions for a Greater Sydney* outlines a set of common guiding principles that will help navigate the future of Greater Sydney and ensure it is a great place to live, for us and future generations.

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