The Greater Sydney Commission acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands that include the Central City District and the living culture of the traditional custodians of these lands. The Commission recognises that the traditional owners have occupied and cared for this country over countless generations, and celebrates their continuing contribution to the life of Greater Sydney.
Planning for the future of Greater Sydney

The Greater Sydney Commission leads metropolitan planning for Greater Sydney. Our plans will make Greater Sydney more liveable, productive and sustainable and make the most of future opportunities and challenges.

The Commission currently has the draft *Greater Sydney Region Plan*, four revised draft District Plans and a new draft District Plan for the Western City District on public exhibition.

Importantly, and for the first time, the draft *Greater Sydney Region Plan* has been prepared in conjunction with the NSW Government’s *Future Transport 2056 Strategy* and informs Infrastructure NSW’s *State Infrastructure Strategy*.

**The draft Greater Sydney Region Plan**

We live in a beautiful, vibrant city – a true global city that is home to 4.7 million people. As the population grows over the next 40 years, we need a plan that protects the things we love about this city and delivers homes, jobs and economic prosperity for current and future generations. The draft *Greater Sydney Region Plan*, based on a 40-year vision, is that plan.

The Commission sees Greater Sydney’s future as a metropolis of three unique but connected cities; a **Western Parkland City** west of the M7, a **Central River City** with Greater Parramatta at its heart and an **Eastern Harbour City**. With the cities well-connected by transport links and infrastructure, more people will live within 30 minutes of their jobs and have easier access to schools, hospitals and services.

For more details, or to have your say about the draft *Greater Sydney Region Plan* visit [www.greater.sydney](http://www.greater.sydney)
A metropolis of three cities

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District Plans

While the draft *Region Plan* presents the overarching vision and strategy for Greater Sydney, it will be implemented at a local level through District Plans. District Plans will set out how the *Region Plan* will:

- inform local councils’ plans
- guide assessment of local planning proposals
- inform infrastructure agencies, the development sector and wider community of expectations for growth, change and infrastructure provision within the District.

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Structure of the District Plans

Each District Plan contains:

- **Four key themes** – infrastructure and collaboration, liveability, productivity and sustainability
- **Ten Directions** – to guide delivery of the theme in a balanced way
- **Metrics** – to measure successful delivery of the plans
- **District-specific Planning Priorities and Actions** – to achieve results that provide a great quality of life for people in the District.

They have been designed in consultation with councils and local communities to enhance the positive elements of the District.
Why are there ‘revised’ District Plans?

From November 2016 to March 2017 the Commission exhibited six draft District Plans and invited public submissions.

The West Central District has since been renamed the Central City District to better align with its location within the Three Cities vision.

The Commission heard that the District Plans should be more direct and focused on implementation. They also needed to be revised to align with the new draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and Future Transport 2056.

In response to this feedback, and the merger of the West and South West Districts into one Western City District, revised draft District Plans have been prepared and placed on exhibition.
The Central City District Plan

About the Central City District

The Central City District is part of the Central River City. It is made up of the local government areas of Blacktown, Cumberland, Parramatta and The Hills.

The District has extensive road and rail networks, and relative proximity to Australia’s major trade gateways. With its collection of vibrant communities, the Central City District is both a modern multicultural region and a place steeped in European and Aboriginal heritage.

The Central City District is one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing regions in Australia, and will help to drive Greater Sydney’s future as an economic and employment powerhouse.

Greater Parramatta and the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP) is the Central City District’s main hub of economic activity. Over the next 20 years, GPOP will experience significant change and growth, providing housing, health, education, services and knowledge-intensive employment opportunities.

The Parramatta River, Duck River and South Creek shape the landscape of the District, providing important cultural and recreational assets and habitats for aquatic ecosystems.

Its population is forecast to grow from around 970,000 people to 1.52 million people over the next 20 years.

Working with the draft Greater Sydney Region Plan, the revised draft Central City District Plan aims to ensure future generations have excellent connections to local jobs, housing, services and great places.

The Central City District Commissioner is Professor Edward Blakely.

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What the District Plan will do

The revised draft *Central City District Plan* guides growth while enhancing the District’s liveability, productivity and sustainability into the future. Below are some key features of the Plan. The District’s Planning Priorities can be found on pages 12–13 of this document. For the full revised draft *Central City District Plan* visit [www.greater.sydney](http://www.greater.sydney)

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**The draft District Plan aims to:**

- **Walking and cycling**

  Provide people with night and day access to cycling and walking paths through Parramatta Park and Parramatta River to move between Westmead, Parramatta CBD and Parramatta North.

- **Infrastructure**

  Capitalise on unprecedented city-scale infrastructure investments including the new Western Sydney Stadium, Sydney Metro Northwest, Blacktown Hospital redevelopment and new and upgraded schools across the District.

- **Collaboration**

  Promote collaboration with key partner agencies, institutions and businesses through Collaboration Areas such as GPOP to develop a place-based strategy and achieve a shared vision.
Delivering the Central City District Plan

Mapped against each of the ten Directions in the revised draft Central City District Plan there are:

- Metrics which will monitor the success of the Plan and its objectives for the Central City District
- 20 District specific Planning Priorities.

These are outlined in the table on the following page.

For full details of the Central City District’s metrics and Planning Priorities please view the full revised draft Central City District Plan at www.greater.sydney

• Connections

Lead collaborative land use and transport planning to deliver a 30-minute city with efficient links to major strategic centres where people can access jobs, shops and services seven days a week.

• Jobs and skills

Support the transition of the Westmead health and education precinct to an innovation hub with more knowledge-intensive jobs. A 21st Century clean-tech and advanced manufacturing cluster in precincts including Rydalmere, Camellia, Silverwater and Auburn, and the protection of industrial and urban services land will provide new skilled jobs.

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## Ten Directions and Planning Priorities

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Dwelling demand and dwelling types

- **Dwellings (2016)**
  - 65% Separate House
  - 15% Medium Density
  - 20% Apartments

- **Central City** 28% of total new housing for Greater Sydney of 725,000 to 2036
  - Western City
  - Eastern City
  - South
  - North

Jobs and journey to work

- **440,300 jobs**
  - 19% Health and Education
  - 23% Knowledge Intensive
  - 32% Population Serving
  - 26% Industrial

- **51% of workers from the district went to work in the district (2011)**
  - 80% Car
  - 12% Train
  - 3% Walked
  - 1% Motorcycle/Scooter
  - 5% Bus

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Connect with us and have your say

The revised draft Central City District Plan is on exhibition until 15 December 2017. This is an excellent opportunity to have your say on the future of your District.

Visit www.greater.sydney for a full version of the draft Plan, to make a formal submission or for upcoming community engagement activities and events.

Background material and information notes are also available on the website.

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