OVERVIEW

Hornsby
Hunter’s Hill
Ku-ring-gai
Lane Cove
Mosman
Northern Beaches
North Sydney
Ryde
Willoughby
The Greater Sydney Commission acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands that include the North 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

This is an overview of the revised draft North District Plan — for a full copy visit www.greater.sydney
A metropolis of three cities

Western Parkland City
Central River City
Eastern Harbour City

Map of Greater Sydney Region showing Western Parkland City, Central River City, and Eastern Harbour City with various transport connectivity and protected natural areas.
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.

Greater Sydney Region

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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 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 North District Plan

About the North District

The North District is part of the Eastern Harbour City. It is made up of the local government areas of Hornsby, Hunter’s Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Northern Beaches, North Sydney, Mosman, Ryde and Willoughby.

The District’s economy is focused on the Eastern Economic Corridor which includes North Sydney as part of the Harbour CBD, St Leonards, Chatswood and Macquarie Park. Other strategic centres in the District include Brookvale-Dee Why, Frenchs Forest, Hornsby, Manly and Mona Vale. The District has a high proportion of knowledge and professional services jobs, as well as health and education jobs which contribute to the District’s economic growth and foster innovation and global competitiveness.

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What the District Plan will do

The revised draft *North 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 *North District Plan* visit [www.greater.sydney](http://www.greater.sydney)

The draft District Plan aims to:

- **Landscape**

  Protect native bushland, national parks, beaches, and waterways including Sydney Harbour, the Parramatta River, Pittwater and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Rivers.

- **Great places**

  Guide the delivery of new or enhanced infrastructure to create pleasant, leafy local centres and well-connected open spaces that encourage active lifestyles and social interaction.

- **Housing**

  Guide new housing supply which will be linked to local centres and infrastructure.
Delivering the North District Plan

Mapped against each of the ten Directions in the revised draft *North District Plan* there are:

- Metrics which will monitor the success of the Plan and its objectives for the North District
- 22 District specific Planning Priorities.

These are outlined in the table on the following page.

For full details of the North District’s metrics and Planning Priorities please view the full revised draft *North District Plan* at [www.greater.sydney](http://www.greater.sydney)

**Collaboration**

Lead collaboration across state and government to grow health and education precincts in Frenchs Forest, Macquarie Park and St Leonards, and improve regional open space through the Metropolitan Greenspace Program.

**Connections**

Guide infrastructure investments such as the Sydney Metro City & Southwest to create fast and efficient connections from North Sydney CBD and the Eastern Economic Corridor to the Harbour CBD. The Northconnex tunnel will connect the M1 and M2 motorways and remove the last remaining traffic lights between Newcastle and Melbourne.
## Ten Directions and Planning Priorities

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| **Housing the city**                            | • Number of councils on track to deliver housing targets  
• Number of councils with schemes that implement Affordable Rental Housing Targets | Planning Priority N5               |
| *Giving people housing choices*                 |                                                                         | Providing housing supply, choice and affordability, with access to jobs and services |
| **A city of great places**                      | • Percentage of dwellings within walking distance of a local or strategic centre  
• Percentage of dwellings within walking distance of open space | Planning Priority N6               |
| *Designing places for people*                   |                                                                         | Creating and renewing great places and local centres, and respecting the District’s heritage |
| **A well connected city**                       | • Percentage of dwellings located within 30 minutes by public transport of a metropolitan city centre/cluster  
• Percentage of dwellings located within 30 minutes by public transport of a strategic centre | Planning Priority N12               |
<p>| <em>Developing a more accessible and walkable city</em> |                                                                         | Delivering integrated land use and transport planning and a 30-minute city |
|                                                  |                                                                         | Planning Priority N14              |
|                                                  |                                                                         | Leveraging inter-regional transport connections |</p>
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| **Jobs and skills for the city** | Creating the conditions for a stronger economy                       | • Growth in jobs in targeted metropolitan and strategic centres.  
• Change in number of people employed locally (five yearly)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| **A city in its landscape** | Proportional increase in Greater Sydney covered by urban tree canopy | **Planning Priority N7** Growing a stronger and more competitive Harbour CBD  
**Planning Priority N8** Eastern Economic Corridor is better connected and more competitive  
**Planning Priority N9** Growing and investing in health and education precincts  
**Planning Priority N10** Growing investment, business and jobs opportunities in strategic centres  
**Planning Priority N11** Protecting and managing industrial and urban services land  
**Planning Priority N13** Supporting growth of targeted industry sectors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| **An efficient city**    | Number of precincts with low carbon initiatives                          | **Planning Priority N15** Protecting and improving the health and enjoyment of Sydney Harbour and the District’s waterways  
**Planning Priority N16** Protecting and enhancing bushland and biodiversity  
**Planning Priority N17** Protecting and enhancing scenic and cultural landscapes  
**Planning Priority N18** Better managing rural areas  
**Planning Priority N19** Increasing urban tree canopy cover and delivering Green Grid connections  
**Planning Priority N20** Delivering high quality open space                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| **A resilient city**     | Number of local government areas undertaking resilience planning       | **Planning Priority N21** Reducing carbon emissions and managing energy, water and waste efficiently  
**Planning Priority N22** Adapting to the impacts of urban and natural hazards and climate change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
More about the North District

Dwelling demand and dwelling types

- **Separate House**: 52%
- **Medium Density**: 10%
- **Apartments**: 38%

Dwellings (2016)

- **Western City**: 13% of total new housing for Greater Sydney of 725,000 to 2036
- **Central City**: 10%
- **South**: 38%
- **North**: 21%
- **Eastern City**: 14%

Jobs and journey to work

- **483,300 jobs**: 20% of Greater Sydney's total of 2,439,800 in 2016
- **Knowledge Intensive**: 35%
- **Industrial**: 14%
- **Health and Education**: 21%
- **Population Serving**: 30%

- **58%** of workers from the district went to work in the district (2011)
- **Car**: 69%
- **Train**: 11%
- **Bus**: 11%
- **Walked**: 6%
- **Ferry**: 1%
- **Bicycle**: 1%
- **Motorbike/Scooter**: 1%
Connect with us and have your say

The revised draft *North 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](http://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.

For more information on the Commission and draft Plans, follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/greatersydneycommission), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/greatersydney), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/gscsydney) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/greatersydneycommission).

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