3.5 Western City District Plan Implementation Report

There are eight councils in the Western City District. Of these, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly councils have received funding to accelerate delivery of LEP updates by mid-2020 as part of the Western Sydney City Deal. Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains councils’ LEP updates are due by mid 2021.

The following provides an overview of District-specific programs and planning using the four District Plan themes and the District Structure Plan Map:

- **Collaboration Areas**: Place Strategies delivered for Penrith and Liverpool (December 2018); Campbelltown underway.
- **Health**: Liverpool health and education precinct $3.5m funding committed for 2018-19; Nepean Hospital redevelopment underway; Campbelltown-Macarthur health and education precinct hospital redevelopment underway.
- **Schools Infrastructure**: Construction recently completed or underway for five new primary schools, four new high schools and upgrades for 10 public schools and 10 high schools. Twenty existing primary schools and six high schools are sharing open space with the public under the Share Our Space Program.

- **A place-based approach** is being developed by councils in the preparation of Local Strategic Planning Statements which are due to commence exhibition by 1 October 2019.
- **Local Housing Strategies**: being developed by councils will identify their response to housing need and help inform 20-year housing targets.
- **Housing targets**: As a combined total, the Western City District on track to meet the 0-5 year housing target for mid-2016 – mid-2021 of 39,850 new dwellings.
- **City Deal Liveability Fund**: All eight councils share in $150 million funding allocated in late 2018.

- **Western Sydney City Deal**: Investment and jobs growth (see details over).
- **Liverpool Collaboration Area**: Place Strategy transitioning to implementation phase and $41 million for health and education precinct.
- **Penrith Place Strategy**: awaiting finalisation of flooding mitigation approach.
- **Western Sydney Aerotropolis Core**: precinct planning underway by Planning Partnership.

- **Greater Sydney Open Space Program**: funding of $21 million for four Western City District councils to secure and improve green space.
- **Five Million Trees Program**: funding of over $1.5 million to expand urban tree canopy.
- **Hawkesbury Nepean Taskforce**: Hawkesbury-Nepean Flood Management Review to include a new regional flood study. New flood signage has recently installed.
- **South Creek Strategy Sage 1**: finalised by INSW in consultation with State agencies and councils.

Key focus areas emerging for local strategic planning in the District as advised by councils include:

- **Leveraging** significant investment in Western Sydney Aerotropolis and Sydney Metro Greater West (North-South Rail Link) to increase job containment
- **Co-ordination** of infrastructure and growth across local and State-led planning and development including planning for the metropolitan rural area and expansion of agriculture and agribusiness
- **Collaboration** to deliver integrated water management and implement South Creek design principles
- **Working with** local aboriginal communities to strengthen economic self-determination
- **Opportunities** for tourism and creative industries to expand
- **Urban cooling** strategies to mitigate urban heat island effects including expanding urban tree canopy
- **Mitigation** from and reduction of flooding, bushfire and air quality hazards
- **Protecting** and enhancing biodiversity and areas of high environmental significance, including wetlands and remnant bushland
- **Regional solutions** to waste management to deliver more efficient outcomes
Scenic Southern Escarpment Green Grid Priority Project
- Commenced

The Northern Road upgrade:
- Stage 1 construction between The Old Northern Road, Narellan and Oran Park complete; Stages 2-4 underway
- In Progress

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- Construction of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport is underway, set to open in 2026
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Western Sydney Aerotropolis Growth Area:
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South West Growth Area:
- Planning underway with Lowes Creek Maryland precinct plan exhibited in Oct-Nov 2018 and active development fronts in Oran Park and Gregory Hills
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Bringelly Road upgrade:
- Stage 1 complete;
- Stage 2 underway
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Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek Investigation Area:
- Draft work schedule and preliminary briefs for specialist studies prepared to assist with high level land use capability analysis
- Planning

Penrith Lakes Parkland Green Grid Priority Corridor:
- $10 million 2019-20 funding for Nepean River Parklands in Penrith and Metropolitan Greenspace Program funding
- Commenced

Kemps Creek and Kemps Creek Nature Reserve Green Grid Priority Project
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Greater Macarthur Growth Area:
- Interim plan Greater Macarthur 2040 and draft Special Infrastructure Contribution Plans released in November 2018 for consultation
- Planning

Wilton Growth Area:
- Rezoning of precincts in November 2018, with exhibition of Wilton Special Infrastructure Contribution in Oct-Nov 2018
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Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek Investigation Area:
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Sydney Metro Greater West (North-South Rail Link):
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Notes:
1. Tree Canopy and Access to Open Space mapped for the Urban Area only - 100% Blue Mountains and 99.8% Hawkesbury is in the Metropolitan Rural Area
2. Walking distance to a local open space measured along the street network
3. Tree canopy cover data from NSW Urban Vegetation Cover to Modified Mesh Block 2016, Office of Environment and Heritage
4. Open space data from the Public Open Space Audit 2016, Department of Planning and Environment
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**PI 1 Jobs, education and housing**

The Western City District is home to 15% of the Region's jobs and 23% of the Region's population. In 2016, 57% of the District's working residents worked within the District. Between 2006-2016 the Western City District attracted 16% of the Region's jobs growth and 20% of the Region's population increase. This means the District population increase has been faster than jobs growth.

In 2016, 33% of the District's jobs were located in industrial precincts and 32% were in metropolitan or strategic centres. Growing centres and supporting new industries will help strengthen jobs growth in the District.

In 2017, 10% of all trips in the Western City District were walking trips, while 18% of all trips across the region were walking trips. Walking distance to open space becomes more important as densities increase, as does the need for public spaces. Measured using the street network, across the District:

- 67% of the District's dwellings are within 30-minutes by public transport to a metropolitan centre or cluster; and
- 84% of the District's dwellings are within 30-minutes by public transport to a metropolitan or strategic centre.

**PI 2 30-minute city - network capability**

The network capability tool measures 30-minute travel by public transport (based on current infrastructure and 2018 timetabled service provision in the 6am-10am morning peak). It shows:

- 67% of the District’s dwellings are within 30-minutes by public transport to a metropolitan centre or cluster; and
- 84% of the District’s dwellings are within 30-minutes by public transport to a metropolitan or strategic centre.

**PI 3 Walkable places**

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- 58% of low-medium density dwellings are located within 400 metres walk to open space; and
- 29% of high-density dwellings are located within 200 metres walk to open space.

**PI 4 Addressing urban heat**

Over the 2018-19 summer Penrith experienced 37 days over 35°C and Campbelltown (Mount Annan) experienced 24 days over 35°C. Green infrastructure including trees and other vegetation as well as water in the landscape are an important part of place-making and can also help mitigate urban heat.

Currently, the Western City District has a lower proportion of tree canopy cover in the urban area (16%) compared to the Greater Sydney Region as a whole (21%).

For details of data source please refer to Greater Sydney Dashboard.
The Western City District is the focus of the Western Sydney City Deal. There are 38 commitments under the Western Sydney City Deal, grouped under six domains. Key milestones delivered to date are listed below. More information is available at www.wscd.sydney.

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<td>The new Western Parkland City will be one of Australia’s most connected cities. In an emerging 30-minute city, innovative public transport, aviation and digital infrastructure will bring residents closer to jobs, centres, education and the world.</td>
<td>The Western Parkland City will create 200,000 new jobs across a wide range of industries over the next 20 years. The Airport and Aerotropolis will attract infrastructure, investment and knowledge-intensive jobs, and the benefits will flow into health and education, retail, hospitality, and industrial activities that will power the City.</td>
<td>Residents of the Western Parkland City will have access to the best in education and skills training opportunities. A new university, schools and VET (vocational education and training) facilities will align with the high skilled businesses and industries of the Aerotropolis.</td>
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<td>Rail for the Western Parkland City</td>
<td>Investment and industry attraction The Western Sydney Investment Attraction Office (WSIAO) has been established (October 2018) to undertake proactive investment attraction working with key stakeholders domestically and internationally and is supported by the Investment Attraction Fund.</td>
<td>Expanding agribusiness opportunities Stakeholder engagement with 400 key strategic partners across 120 organisations to date. Two key anchor tenants have signed Memoranda of Understanding. The NSW Department of Industry completed the Production Possibilities report and an Integrated Intensive Production Hub report. Agribusiness Precinct Symposium held on 18 February 2019.</td>
<td>Education and skills A temporary Skills Exchange by TAFE NSW located near the airport is planned for 2019 to provide local training for the workers needed to construct the airport and other major projects. The NSW Government has mandated skills, training and diversity targets through the ‘NSW Government Action Plan: A ten point commitment to the construction sector’. To maximise the opportunities arising from the unprecedented level of infrastructure spend planned for the Western Parkland City, the City Deal outlines a series of employment and procurement targets to ensure that Aboriginal, local and other groups in the community realise the benefits of long term skilled employment. The City Deal Delivery Office is currently working across the three levels of Government to define and implement these targets. On 1 July 2018, fee free apprenticeships were introduced to increase participation in apprenticeships. All NSW apprentices who commenced training after this date are exempt from paying the training fee to the provider.</td>
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<td>Integrated transport program Work is underway on the business case for an integrated transport program for Western Sydney involving identification of rapid bus routes to service the Aerotropolis.</td>
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<td>Digital connectivity and smart technology A tri-government Digital Commitments Steering Committee, including Western Sydney Airport (WSA) Corporation, has been established. Scoping activities were undertaken to determine the vision, objectives and proposed outcomes of the Digital Action Plan. Infrastructure NSW has commenced drafting the 5G Strategy, drawing on expert advice from the Australian Department of Communications and the Arts and the telecommunications industry associations. Work has commenced across Australian, NSW and local governments to audit public data sets in line with open-data principles.</td>
<td>Support Indigenous businesses to thrive An Interim Business Hub has been established to provide immediate access to support for indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs. The expansion of Opportunity Hub services in Campbelltown, designed to connect Indigenous school leavers with jobs, is progressing with the engagement of a service provider to commence services in Campbelltown.</td>
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<td>More job opportunities Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport has committed to a comprehensive package of employment targets. The National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission) opened in Penrith on 1 July 2018. The identification of NSW Government real property holdings underpins a review of under-utilised land and assets to drive economic growth.</td>
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<td>Building partnerships through an Aerospace Institute The NUW Alliance (University of Newcastle, University of NSW Sydney, University of Wollongong), Western Sydney University and the NSW Government signed a Statement of Intent to jointly deliver a world class higher education and research presence specialising in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) by 2026. The NSW Government is committed to building partnerships with educational providers to prepare students for future job opportunities in the aerospace and aviation industries and with vocational links to the airport.</td>
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The City Deal, signed on 4 March 2018, brings together the Australian and New South Wales governments and the eight local councils of the Western City District to deliver transformative change to the region over the next 20 years. The City Deal will be instrumental in delivering the vision of the Western Parkland City.

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<td>The Western Parkland City has a unique landscape that is surrounded by protected natural assets. Its future neighbourhoods will be even more liveable and sustainable. Local project funding will create healthy and active communities that build on their strengths and support open spaces.</td>
<td>Innovative approaches to planning for and delivering housing will ensure that growth is balanced with maintaining the local character of the Western Parkland City.</td>
<td>The Australian, NSW and local governments will work together to support the growth, success and sustainability of the Western Parkland City.</td>
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<td><strong>Amenity and liveability across the Western Parkland City</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Liveability Program was launched in late 2018. First round applications were invited from the eight councils of the City Deal and successful projects valued at $149.82 million were announced in January 2019.</td>
<td><strong>$30 million Western Parkland City housing package</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Greater Sydney Region Plan and Western City District Plan establish the 5-year minimum housing supply target for each local government area and 20-year district housing targets. All eight councils have completed a review of their existing Local Environmental Plans and identified areas that require alignment with the District Plans. Preparation of Local Strategic Planning Statements is underway. In consultation with Blacktown and Penrith councils, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has prepared a draft work schedule and preliminary briefs for specialist studies for the Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek Investigation Area. A high level land use capability analysis to produce scenarios is to be tested by the specialist studies.</td>
<td><strong>Enduring tri-government governance</strong>&lt;br&gt;Governance bodies (Leadership Group, Implementation Board, Coordination Committee and associated sub-committees) were established in early 2018. The Delivery Office (with tri-government staffing) manages the ongoing governance arrangements for the City Deal. The Western Sydney City Deal Implementation plan was published in December 2018 by the Australian Government. Performance Indicators and baseline metrics have been developed for the implementation plan. The development of performance measures is an ongoing process that will evolve and adapt over time through experience and the emergence of new data. The Western City and Aerotropolis Authority (WCAA) was established in November 2018 as master planner and master developer of the Aerotropolis. The WCAA comprises a CEO (appointed in December 2018) and an ongoing Chair and four Board Members nominated by the Australian and NSW governments.</td>
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<td><strong>Protect and preserve environmental assets and parkland character</strong>&lt;br&gt;A contract has been awarded to progress the detailed design and construction of the new Herbarium at Mount Annan (Stage 1) - Western Sydney Centre of Innovation in Plant Sciences. Stage I of the South Creek strategy has been finalised by Infrastructure NSW in consultation with State agencies and councils.</td>
<td><strong>A partnership approach to planning</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Planning Partnership is now fully operational and has commenced the following three priority projects: Uniform Engineering and Design Standards, Common Planning Assumptions and Precinct Planning for the Stage 2 Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan (LUUIP) for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Growth Area.</td>
<td><strong>Community partnership</strong>&lt;br&gt;Work has commenced to map the existing Aboriginal governance arrangements, key policies and Aboriginal projects underway across the three levels of government in the Western Parkland City. Procurement is currently under way for a digital engagement tool which will jointly display current government engagements in the Western Parkland City across City Deal partners. This will facilitate ongoing arrangements for joined and coordinated community and stakeholder consultation.</td>
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<td><strong>Streamlined environmental approvals</strong>&lt;br&gt;Work has commenced on the draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan and the assessment of potential impacts arising from its implementation. The Conservation Plan will assess 200,000 hectares of Western Sydney across the Hawkesbury, Blacktown, Penrith, Fairfield, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Wollondilly local government areas. Progress includes comprehensive vegetation mapping, species modelling to predict the probable location of key species and data resulting from detailed on-ground flora and fauna surveys undertaken by experienced ecologists.</td>
<td><strong>Innovative planning for future infrastructure needs</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Western Sydney Aerotropolis Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan (LUUIP) was released for public exhibition in August 2018. The first two Western Parkland City Growth Infrastructure Compacts have commenced with workshops to develop growth scenarios.</td>
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<td><strong>Improve community health</strong>&lt;br&gt;Statement of intent to establish a Health Alliance framework and concept has been developed and adopted by Health Alliance partners.</td>
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