

Sustainable and Balanced Growth

Matters for Consideration – General Under Section 79C(1) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A)

“In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

- (a) the provisions of:
 - (i) any environmental planning instrument, and*
 - (ii) any draft environmental planning instrument that is or has been placed on public exhibition and details of which have been notified to the consent authority (unless the Director-General has notified the consent authority that the making of the draft instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and*
 - (iii) any development control plan, and*
 - (iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under Section 93F or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under Section 93F, and*
 - (iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph),*that apply to the land to which the development application relates,*
- (b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,*
- (c) the suitability of the site for the development,*
- (d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,*
- (e) the public interest.*

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Relevance to Community Strategic Plan

SUSTAINABLE AND BALANCED GROWTH

The reports contained within this section of the agenda outline actions and activities that contribute to the achievement of the outcomes as outlined in Create Wollondilly Community Strategic Plan 2033.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the NSW Government has released three coordinated strategic documents to align land use planning with future transport services for Greater Sydney.
- The *Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan* and the *Draft Western City District Plan* prepared by the Greater Sydney Commission are on exhibition until 15 December 2017.
- The Draft Future Transport Strategy prepared by Transport for NSW is on exhibition until 3 December 2017.
- A submission on each of the three documents is still under preparation and will be forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- It is recommended that Council make formal submissions on the *Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan*, *Draft Western City District Plan* and *Draft Future Transport Strategy* in the form circulated to Councillors.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

On 22 October 2017 the *Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan* prepared by Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) was launched for public comment together with the *Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056* prepared by Transport for NSW.

On 26 October 2017 the *Draft Western City District Plan* prepared by GSC was also placed on public exhibition.

Together these documents are intended to provide a coordinated strategy to align land use planning with future transport services and infrastructure over the next 40 years across the Greater Sydney Region.

An overview of each of the documents including the key issues for Wollondilly is provided at Attachment 1.

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DRAFT GREATER SYDNEY REGION PLAN

Our Greater Sydney 2056; A metropolis of three cities - connecting people (Draft Region Plan) is a strategic land use plan with a 40 year vision and 20 year plan for the Greater City of Sydney.

The Draft Region Plan is built on a vision of a "30-minute city" where people within Greater Sydney live within 30 minutes of their jobs, education and health facilities, services and great places.

The needs of a growing and changing population will be met by transforming Greater Sydney into a metropolis of three cities - the Western Parkland City, the Central River City and the Eastern Harbour City.

Under the current Region Plan, *A Plan for Growing Sydney*, Wollondilly formed part of the "south west sub-region". Wollondilly along with the Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool and Penrith now form part of the emerging Western Parkland City. The Western Parkland City will have the Western Sydney Airport and Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis as its catalyst.

The Draft Region Plan includes 40 objectives based around the ten *Directions for a Greater Sydney* is outlined below:

- A city supported by infrastructure
- A collaborative city
- A city for people
- Housing the city
- A city of great places
- A well-connected city
- Jobs and skills for the city
- A city in its landscape
- An efficient city
- A resilient city.

The Directions which were launched in July 2017 outline the GSC's approach to integrate land use and infrastructure to deliver a more productive, liveable and sustainable Greater Sydney.

DRAFT WESTERN CITY DISTRICT PLAN

The Draft Western City District Plan (Draft District Plan) is a 20-year plan to manage growth in the context of economic, social and environmental matters to achieve the 40-year vision for Western Sydney. It is a guide for implementing the Draft Region Plan at a district level and is a bridge between regional and local planning.

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FUTURE TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2056

The Future Transport Strategy 2056 is an update of Transport for NSW's Long Term Transport Master Plan. It is a suite of transport delivery strategies and plans which align with the Draft Region Plan, State Infrastructure Strategy prepared by Infrastructure NSW and the various regional plans prepared by Department of Planning and Environment to provide an integrated vision for the state.

The Draft Future Transport Strategy sets the 40 year vision, directions and outcomes framework for customer mobility in NSW, which will guide transport investment over the longer term. It will be delivered through a series of supporting plans.

The Strategy identifies six outcomes for Future Transport 2056 which have been customised into objectives specific to Greater Sydney. These include:

- Convenient and responsive to customer needs
- Sustaining and enhancing the liveability of our places
- Connecting people and places in a growing city
- Safely, efficiently and reliably moving people and goods
- Accessible for all customers
- Makes the best use of available resources and assets.

Transport for NSW intend to deliver customer outcomes through a range of initiatives extending across the 40 year timeframe including policy, service and infrastructure improvements. These initiatives are indicative of the level of service required to achieve the customer outcomes and the vision set out for Greater Sydney. These include initiatives that the NSW Government has committed to (over the next 10 years), initiatives for investigation (in the 0-10 year and 10-20 year timeframes) and visionary initiatives for future consideration (in the 20+ year timeframe).

The Future Transport Strategy 2056 is supported by a Draft Services and Infrastructure Plan and a suite of plans to assist with the implementation of the Strategy across NSW.

CONSULTATION

A briefing on the three documents was provided by GSC and Transport for NSW on 31 October 2017. The briefing was attended by several Councillors and staff from the Planning and Engineering Directorates. A summary of relevant considerations has been drafted by staff to inform the final submission (See Attachment No. 1). A further workshop with the adjoining MACROC Councils will be held prior to the submission closing date.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial impact that these Plans will have on Council is unknown at this stage. As more details come to hand, consideration will be given to any resource requirements to be factored into the long term financial plan. Preliminary expectations are that most of the obligations for Council will be able to be delivered with existing staff resources, although it will be necessary to prioritise any new obligations with the existing strategic planning tasks, particularly the assessment and progression of planning proposals.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SEPARATE BOOKLET

1. Overview of exhibited documents and summary of relevant considerations

N.B. A draft submission on the proposed changes will be forwarded to Councillors under separate cover once it has been prepared.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council make a formal submission to the Greater Sydney Commission in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan and the Draft Western City District Plan.
2. That Council make a formal submission to Transport for NSW in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056.
3. That a copy of the final submission be sent to:
 - Jai Rowell MP - Member for Wollondilly
 - The Hon. Angus Taylor – Member for Hume & Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation
 - The Hon. Lou Amato MLC.