

Barton Deakin Brief: Greater Sydney Commission's *Towards our Greater Sydney 2056* plan

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Today, the [Greater Sydney Commission](#) released its [Towards our Greater Sydney 2056](#) plan which includes a 20 year draft [District Plan](#) for each of Greater Sydney's six Districts. The draft District Plans set out priorities, actions and the means by which the 2014 Greater Sydney Region Plan, [A Plan for Growing Sydney](#) can be actioned at a district level.

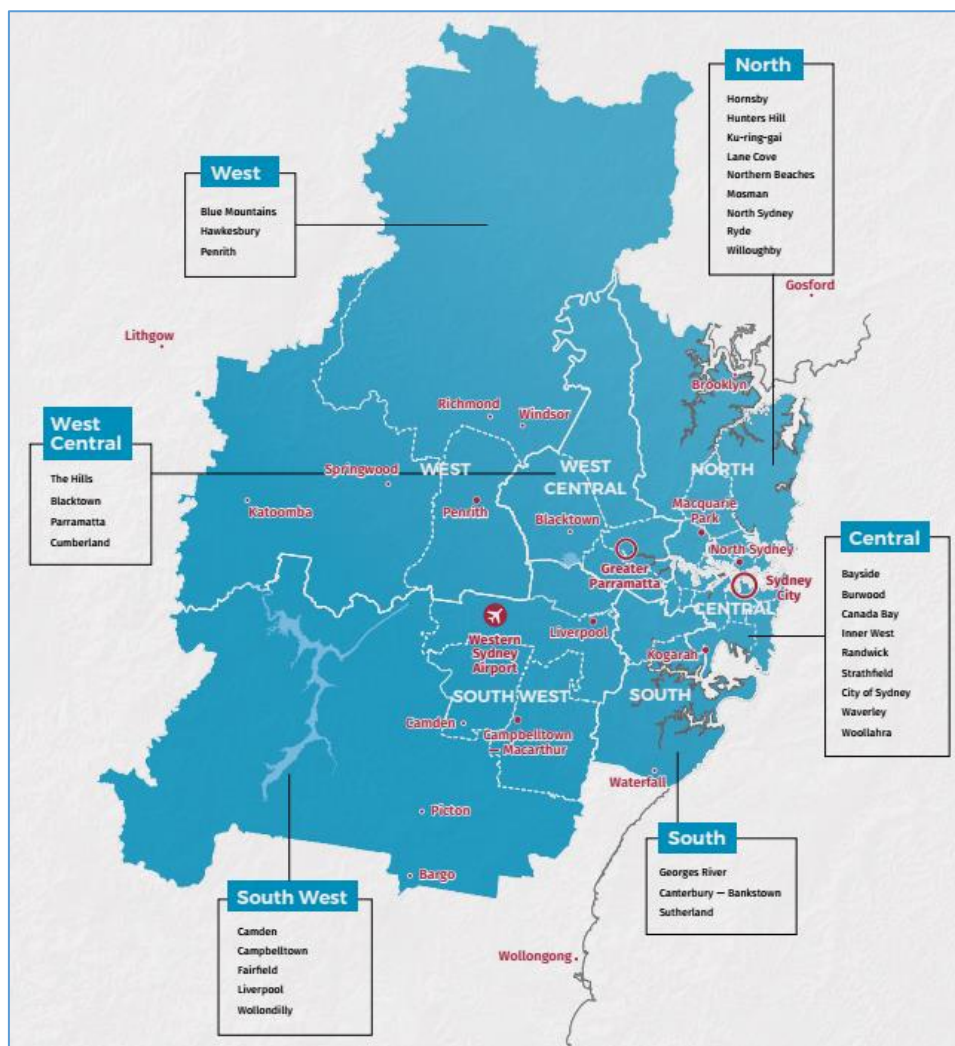
This Barton Deakin Brief outlines the major priorities and points of interest in each of the District Plans.

Background

Traditionally planning for Greater Sydney has occurred at two levels: State and local government. The NSW State Government developed overarching plans considering the city's growing population and future employment and transport needs. Local governments developed local environmental plans to identify how land can be used for housing, business and parks.

In 2015, the NSW government established the independent [Greater Sydney Commission](#) to bridge the gap with district level planning that connects local planning with the longer-term metropolitan planning for Greater Sydney.

The Commission has specific roles and responsibilities for metropolitan planning across Greater Sydney and has a [Statement of Priorities](#) for its inaugural period from January 2016 to October 2018. A major responsibility of the Commission was to finalise district plans for each of Sydney's six districts – North, Central, South, South-west, West and West Central – see map below.



Source: Greater Sydney Commission, 2016, <http://www.greatersydneycommission.nsw.gov.au/maps>

These plans, released today, were created in collaboration with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, NSW Treasury, NSW Ministry of Health, the NSW Department of Education, Urban Growth NSW, Infrastructure NSW and all local governments in Greater Sydney.

The Commission has also released its draft amendment, [Towards our Greater Sydney 2056](#), to update the 2014 Greater Sydney Region Plan, *A Plan for Growing Sydney*. This amendment reconceptualises Greater Sydney as a metropolis of three cities (Western, Central and Eastern), and is presented with the draft District Plans to reflect the most up-to-date thinking about Greater Sydney's future.

The draft plans and amendment are open to the public for comment until the end of March 2017, during which time the Commission will engage with the community and encourage submissions from interested parties.



Central District

Notable Priorities:

- Enhance the role of global Sydney – a progressive global business and financial hub
 - Enhance opportunities for knowledge-intensive industries located around Camperdown–Ultimo and Randwick Health and Education super precincts
 - Foster new employment clusters in urban transformation areas like Central to Eveleigh and The Bays Precinct
- Leverage investment in transport infrastructure such as Sydney Metro City & Southwest, Sydney Metro West and the CBD and South East Light Rail
- Improve freight, logistical and urban services
 - Improve the way goods and services are moved in the District
 - Address conflicts between housing areas and freight traffic.

North District

Notable Priorities:

- Grow jobs in centres and on urban services land
 - Improve the connections between these centres and with the rest of the District, whilst reinforcing connections with Parramatta and Sydney City
- Leverage investment in transport infrastructure such as Sydney Metro and NorthConnex
- Optimise Northern Beaches Hospital as a catalyst for a new centre
 - Create a health services precinct and a new well-connected strategic centre that's designed to provide a mix of commercial and residential uses and community facilities to better support the people who visit, live and work there.

West Central District

Notable Priorities:

- Support and deliver the Greater Parramatta and the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP) vision
 - Greater Parramatta's role as Greater Sydney's Central City will become more significant with the targeted growth of innovative industries that will attract more government and private sector jobs.
 - Delivery of major infrastructure and transport projects, including the Parramatta Light Rail and Sydney Metro West
- Encourage employment growth
 - Focus on facilitating the growth and diversification of new industries in knowledge-intensive space and upskill traditional manufacturers to become suppliers and service providers
 - Develop health and education activities in Westmead.



West District

Notable Priorities:

- A connected place
 - Leverage opportunities from proposed transport infrastructure projects, including the Outer Sydney Orbital, Western Sydney Freight Line and Western Sydney Airport, to develop new markets in soft commodities, freight and logistics and create an export and innovation hub.
- Plan for a 21st Century aerropolis
 - Capitalise on the investment, employment and economic opportunities that will emerge from the development of Western Sydney Airport and the Western Sydney City Deal
- Create a hub for international tourism
 - Develop new marketing strategies centred on the District's natural attractions and cultural heritage to create a hub for international tourism

South West District

Notable Priorities:

- Grow and diversify Strategic Centres
 - Creation of world-class health and education super precincts in Liverpool and Campbelltown-Macarthur will be based around their universities and hospitals.
 - The opening of the University of Wollongong and Western Sydney University campuses in 2017 will boost the growth of smart jobs, generating business investment in Liverpool.
- Integrate land use and transport planning
 - Enhance east-west and north-south transport connections within and to the District to connect residents with jobs, especially around the Western Sydney Airport, Liverpool and Campbelltown-Macarthur.

South District

Notable Priorities:

- Grow and diversify job opportunities
 - Planning for local jobs growth will centre on increasing opportunities in the health precincts of St George, Sutherland and Hurstville, developing tourism and promoting new-generation jobs and start-ups in traditional industrial areas.
 - Bankstown Airport is also an important asset as it provides a significant opportunity to grow local employment and advance 'smart manufacturing'.
- Grow Kogarah health and education super precinct
 - The NSW Government has committed \$277 million for the redevelopment of St George Hospital.



Further Information

The District Plans and *Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056* will be public until the end of March 2017 and formal submissions can be made throughout this period. A formal submission allows you to provide feedback and ideas that address specific points in the draft plans. See more on submissions [here](#).

Find further information and links to the District Plan for each Greater Sydney district below:

Central District

Council Areas: *Bayside, Burwood, Canada Bay, Inner West, Randwick, Strathfield, City of Sydney, Waverley, Woollahra.*

District Commissioner: [Maria Atkinson](#)

2016 Population: 1.013 million

2036 Population: 1.338 million (forecast)

Draft District Plan Overview [here](#)

Full Draft District Plan [here](#)

North District

Council Areas: *Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Northern Beaches, Mosman, North Sydney, Ryde, Willoughby*

District Commissioner: [Deborah Dearing](#)

2016 Population: 886,550

2036 Population: 1.083 million (forecast)

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Full Draft District Plan [here](#)

West Central District

Council Areas: *The Hills, Blacktown, Parramatta, Cumberland*

District Commissioner: [Edward Blakely](#)

2016 Population: 971,000

2036 Population: 1.522 million (forecast)

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West District

Council Areas: *Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Penrith*

District Commissioner: [Sean O'Toole](#)

2016 Population: 354,800

2036 Population: 446,300 (forecast)

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Full Draft District Plan [here](#)



South West District

Council Areas: *Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Wollondilly*

District Commissioner: [Sheridan Dudley](#)

2016 Population: 721,200

2036 Population: 1.088 million (forecast)

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Full Draft District Plan [here](#)

South District

Council Areas: *Georges River, Canterbury-Bankstown, Sutherland*

District Commissioner: [Morris Iemma](#)

2016 Population: 741,250

2036 Population: 945,350 million (forecast)

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