

Barton Deakin Brief: The South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036

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Today the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, launched the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan – a 20 year blueprint that aims to guide planning and land use decisions.

This Barton Deakin Brief outlines the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036.

Background

In 2016, the NSW Government developed the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Plan. Data and evidence was gathered and analysed along with extensive consultation with councils, stakeholders and the wider community.

The [South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036](#) aims to leverage the region's significant infrastructure assets such as:

- The Port of Eden;
- Canberra Airport;
- Strategic transport links;
- Access to other global gateways such as the:
 - Ports of Melbourne;
 - Port Kembla; and
 - Botany and Western Sydney Airport

The plan aims to guide the NSW Government's land use planning priorities and decisions over the next 20 years toward integrating and aligning strategic planning for Canberra. The [Implementation Plan](#) that accompanies this Plan includes a series of priority actions, and identifies medium and longer-term actions to coincide with population and economic change.

South East and Tablelands infrastructure investments

The NSW Government aims to support the South East and Tablelands economy and communities through the following infrastructure investments:

- \$187 million for the South East Regional Hospital at Bega;
- \$120 million for the Goulburn Hospital redevelopment;
- \$44 million to extend the breakwater wharf at the Port of Eden;
- \$25 million for safety upgrades to the Kings Highway;
- \$50 million for the Queanbeyan bypass and Ellerton Drive extension; and
- \$50 million for the redevelopment of Bowral Hospital.



Delivering the Plan

The NSW Government has established the South East and Tablelands Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee to deliver, coordinate and be accountable for achieving the goals of the Plan.

The NSW Government will use this Plan to advise infrastructure agencies about the timing of new developments. This will inform ongoing planning and delivery of infrastructure, asset management and services.

A connected and borderless Canberra region

The [ACT and NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration](#) underpins shared jurisdictional planning in the region. Initially signed in 2011 and re-committed in November 2016, the Memorandum renews outcomes and prioritises service delivery focus within the broader 'Canberra region'. A letter of intent has also been signed by the ACT Government and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council to improve road, cycling and walking connections and to plan for required infrastructure.

Canberra Airport's international passenger and freight terminal is a tourism and export gateway. This is supported by the \$44 million investment to extend the breakwater wharf at the Port of Eden to attract larger cruise ships to the region's south.

To assist with service and job opportunities, the NSW and ACT Governments will continue to collaborate to address legal and contractual barriers for public transport to ensure efficient travel to and from the ACT. Further investment in the road network will improve access to the ACT's jobs and services. Existing projects include:

- Upgrades to the Barton Highway;
- Linking the ACT and Southern Tablelands with Western NSW; and
- Linking the Kings Highway between Queanbeyan and Batemans Bay

Further Information

The South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036 website, [here](#).

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