

Meeting of the Greater Sydney Commission (“Commission”)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Held on:	Friday, 18 November 2016	
At:	Commission Boardroom, Level 5, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta at 12pm.	
Present:	Name	Position
	Lucy Turnbull AO	Chief Commissioner (Chairperson)
	Geoff Roberts	Deputy Chief Commissioner, Economic Commissioner
	Roderick Simpson	Environment Commissioner
	Heather Nesbitt	Social Commissioner
	Maria Atkinson AM	District Commissioner, Central
	Deborah Dearing	District Commissioner, North
	Sheridan Dudley	District Commissioner, South West
	Edward Blakely	District Commissioner, West Central
	Sean O’Toole OAM	District Commissioner, West
	Carolyn McNally	Secretary, Department of Planning & Environment (DPE)
	Tim Reardon	Secretary, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
In attendance:	Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer, Commission
	David Pitchford	Chief Executive Officer, UrbanGrowth NSW
	San Midha	Deputy Secretary, Agency Budget and Policy, Treasury
	Kirstie Allen	Executive Director, Infrastructure NSW
	Halvard Dalheim	Executive Director, Planning & Design, Commission (in part)
	Dianne Knott	A/Director Engagement, Commission (in part)
	Tricia Wunsch	Senior Communications Manager (in part)
Apologies:	The Hon. Morris Iemma	District Commissioner, South
	Rob Whitfield	Secretary, NSW Treasury

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1.	Acknowledgement of Country
	The Chief Commissioner acknowledged that the attendees of the meeting were present on the land of the Darug people and that the Darug people are the Traditional Owners of the land. The Chief Commissioner paid respect to the Darug elders, past and present, and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within the area.
2.	Meeting open and conflicts of interest
	There being a quorum present, the Chief Commissioner opened the meeting at 12.07pm. The Chief Commissioner noted apologies from the District Commissioner, South and the Secretary, NSW Treasury. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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3.	Previous meeting minutes
	<p>A Commission discussion ensued.</p> <p>Action: The Commission requested that out of session resolutions be included in the meeting papers of the following Commission meeting.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting 13 September 2016 be executed by the Chief Commissioner as a true and correct record of proceedings.</p>
4.	Chief Commissioner's report
	<p>The Chief Commissioner spoke to her report.</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner also noted thanks to the government agencies represented that had collaborated in order to produce the six draft District Plans to be approved, at the meeting, for public exhibition.</p> <p>The Chief Commissioner also acknowledged the success of the Greater Parramatta to Olympic Precinct 'GPOP' vision.</p>
5.	Chief Executive Officer's report
	<p>The Commission's CEO spoke to her report.</p> <p>Ms Hill also noted thanks to all of those agencies at the meeting that had worked together to produce the draft District Plans.</p> <p>Ms Hill noted that her report set out her team's delivery of a large number of outcomes, on behalf of the Commission, since commencement in January, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • six draft District Plans, six District Overviews and a map atlas, now ready for public exhibition; • an amendment to <i>A Plan for Growing Sydney</i> (APfGS) ready for public exhibition; • a digital Dashboard with data and metrics for Greater Sydney; • a new comprehensive corporate website; • the draft GPOP Vision, launched at the Bradfield Oration (Ms Hill taking the opportunity to congratulate the Chief Commissioner on the Bradfield Oration); • the Deputy Chief Commissioner now jointly chairing the City Deal Senior Officials' Group (Ms Hill congratulating Mr Geoff Roberts on this appointment); • the new Sydney Planning Panels, to commence on 21 November 2016; • the transition of the \$198m Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program to the Commission (Ms Hill acknowledging the incredible work already done by UrbanGrowth to produce an evidence based strategy for Parramatta Road); • the completion of stage one of stakeholder engagement relating to the draft District Plans; • the design of a program for stage two of stakeholder engagement on the draft District Plans and the amendment to APfGS (to be considered as part of agenda item 8); • publication of the Commission's inaugural annual report and completion of the second quarterly report to the Minister for Planning; • continued refinement and alignment of the Metropolitan Greenspace Program with the Greater Sydney Green Grid priorities;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the transition of the metropolitan and district planning team from DPE to the Commission; and • commencement of the recruitment of permanent Commission staff. <p>Ms Hill confirmed that not only was the Commission on track to deliver on its Ministerial Priorities, it was ahead of schedule in relation to many of them.</p> <p>Action: The draft Infrastructure Priority and game changers lists, being presented to the Infrastructure Delivery Committee in December 2016, to also be circulated to the District Commissioners.</p>
6.	Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056
	<p>The Commission's CEO spoke to the paper at agenda item 6 and referred to a hard copy of the amendment to APfGS.</p> <p>The Commission's Executive Director, Planning & Design TABLED a document detailing the changes to the amendment to APfGS made since it was circulated with the papers for the meeting. Mr Dalheim noted that these changes were the result of consistency checks, and that no changes were material in nature.</p> <p>The Commission RESOLVED to approve the release of the draft update to APfGS, <i>A Draft Vision Towards Our Greater Sydney 2056</i> for public exhibition, concurrent with the six draft District Plans.</p> <p>The District Commissioner, South West requested the achievement of such a significant milestone for the Commission be noted, and offered her personal congratulations to her fellow Commission members.</p>
7.	Draft District Plans – Formal Public Exhibition
	<p>The paper at agenda item 7 was taken as read.</p> <p>The Commission's Executive Director, Planning & Design TABLED a document detailing the changes to the draft District Plans made since it was circulated with the papers for the meeting. Mr Dalheim spoke to the changes.</p> <p>A Commission discussion regarding the changes ensued.</p> <p>Ms Hill noted that five information sheets would also be published and would assist the general public in understanding some of the content of the draft District Plans.</p> <p>A Commission discussion ensued.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the formal public exhibition of draft District Plans for each of the six Greater Sydney Districts from 21 November 2016 to 31 March 2017, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overview brochure for each of the six Districts; • a draft District Plan for each District; and • a Map Atlas, covering all six Districts.
8.	Exhibition Engagement Program
	<p>The Commission's CEO spoke to the paper at agenda item 8.</p> <p>A Commission discussion ensued. The Commission noted that the report, included as part of the agenda item, would be published on the website.</p>

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	<p><i>The Commission's A/Director Engagement and Senior Communications Manager entered the meeting.</i></p> <p>A promotional video was played.</p> <p>A Commission discussion ensued, during which the Commission provided feedback on the video.</p> <p>The Commission made a further note of thanks to Ms Dianne Knott, A/Director Engagement and her team for the significant level of stakeholder engagement work carried out to date.</p> <p><i>The Commission's A/Director Engagement and Senior Communications Manager exited the meeting.</i></p>
9.	Committee reports
9.1	Finance and Governance Committee (FGC)
	<p>The FGC report was taken as read.</p> <p>A Commission discussion ensued and the Commission requested that further reporting regarding the Commission's budget be provided in 2017 (action).</p> <p>The Commission noted the recent appointment of a Finance Director, and that the Commission's CEO would also now attend monthly meetings with NSW Treasury (accompanying the Secretary, DPE).</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the 24 August 2016 FGC meeting minutes and ratify all decisions made at that meeting.</p>
9.2	Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)
	<p>The SPC report was taken as read.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to adopt the 16 August and 6 September 2016 SPC meeting minutes and ratify all decisions made at those meetings.</p>
10.	Delegations to Planning Panels (Rezoning Reviews)
	<p>The Chief Commissioner spoke to the paper at agenda item 10.</p> <p>A Commission discussion ensued.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve that the Chief Commissioner sign the Instrument of Delegation included as part of agenda item 10.</p>
11.	Education SEPP
	<p>The Commission's CEO spoke to the paper at agenda item 11 and the Chief Commissioner TABLED an amendment to the proposed resolution.</p> <p>A Commission discussion ensued.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED (1) to approve that the Chief Commissioner to write to the Secretary, DPE regarding the Education SEPP, accepting in principle, the role of issuing Site Compatibility Certificates, subject to the draft Education SEPP being amended to reflect discussions at the meeting (2) that approval of the letter be delegated to a sub-committee made up of the Chief</p>

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	Commissioner, the Social Commissioner and the Commission's CEO (with the District Commissioner, South West being consulted in her Sydney Planning Panel chair capacity).
12.	Governance update
	<p>The governance update was taken as read, the suggested amendment to the quorum requirements for the Strategic Planning Committee being deferred.</p> <p>A Commission discussion followed.</p> <p>The Commission RESOLVED that they meet five times in 2017 and the Commission Secretary was instructed to organise these meetings (action).</p>
13.	Other business
	The Secretary, TfNSW and the Commission's CEO advised the Commission that the Commission and TfNSW were investigating how they might better collaborate in terms of drafting their respective strategic plans for the Greater Sydney region.
14.	Meeting close
	There being no further business, the Chief Commissioner closed the meeting at 1.24pm.

Signed as a true and correct record:



Chairperson

Date: 14 February 2017