

Meeting of the Greater Sydney Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Held on: Friday 9 February 2018

At: UrbanGrowth, Level 12, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, Sydney

Present:	Name	Position
	Ms Lucy Turnbull AO	Chief Commissioner (Chair)
	Mr Geoff Roberts	Deputy Chief Commissioner, Economic Commissioner & Interim Western City District Commissioner
	Mr Roderick Simpson	Environment Commissioner
	Ms Heather Nesbitt	Social Commissioner
	Ms Maria Atkinson AM	Eastern City District Commissioner
	Ms Carolyn McNally	Secretary, Department of Planning & Environment (DPE)
	Mr Rodd Staples	Secretary, Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

Apologies:	Name	Position
	Dr Deborah Dearing	North District Commissioner
	The Hon Morris Iemma	South District Commissioner
	Mr Michael Pratt AM	Secretary, NSW Treasury (Treasury)
	Mr Jim Betts	Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure NSW (INSW)
	Mr Tim Reardon	Secretary, Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPC)

In attendance:	Name	Position
	Ms Sarah Hill	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Greater Sydney Commission (GSC)
	Ms Kirstie Allen	Head of Strategy and Planning, Infrastructure NSW
	Mr Barry Mann	Chief Executive Officer, UrbanGrowth NSW
	Mr Sanjiv Midha	Deputy Secretary, NSW Treasury
	Mr Simon Draper	Deputy Secretary, DPC
	Mr Andrew Jackson	Executive Director, DPC
	Mr Halvard Dalheim	Executive Director, City Planning – Strategic, GSC
	Ms Danielle Smalley	Executive Director, Communications & Engagement, GSC
	Ms Marianne Christmann	Chief Operating Officer, GSC
	Mr Greg Woodhams	Executive Director, City Planning Projects, GSC
	Mr Phil Skidmore	Finance Manager, GSC (in part)
	Ms Angela Leonello	Commission Secretary, GSC (minute-taker)
	Ms Natasha Highman	Acting Commission Secretary, GSC
	Ms Mariette Gill	Executive Assistant, GSC

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1.	Acknowledgement of Country
	The Chair acknowledged that the attendees of the meeting were present on the land of the Gadigal people and that the Gadigal people are the Traditional Owners of the land. The Chair paid respect to the Gadigal elders, past and present, and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within the area.

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2.	Meeting open and conflicts of interest
	<p>There being a quorum present, the Chair opened the meeting at 9:02 am.</p> <p>The Chair noted apologies from Dr Deborah Dearing, the Hon Morris Iemma, Mr Michael Pratt, Mr Tim Reardon and Mr Jim Betts.</p> <p>The Chair noted that she would excuse herself from the meeting if the Western Sydney City Deal was to be discussed. As the Western Sydney City Deal is cabinet-in-confidence, there would be no discussion during the meeting.</p>
3.	Previous meeting minutes
	<p>The Commissioners RESOLVED to note that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2017 were approved out of session.</p> <p>The Commissioners thanked Ms Highman for her work as the Acting Commission Secretary and the DPE for the opportunity for the secondment.</p>
4.	Chief Commissioner's report
	<p>The Chief Commissioner's report was taken as read.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Ms Hill, and the staff of the GSC for their outstanding work in relation to the revised Great Sydney Regional Plan (GSRP). A vote of thanks was also extended to Commissioners, Ex-Officio members and observers for their respective contributions.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Mr Rodd Staples to the meeting and congratulated him on his appointment as Secretary, Transport for NSW.</p>
5.	Chief Executive Officer's report
	<p>Ms Hill, spoke to her report, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two key themes of the report and the meeting related to the Board's approval of the GSRP being submitted to Cabinet and next steps for the GSC, namely a focus on implementing the Plan. • There was discussion about the release of thought leadership papers being a follow up of last year's agreed ministerial priorities. • The CEO flagged the need for further decisions of the Full Commission regarding future priorities for the GSC taking into account the annual budget. <p>The Commissioners RESOLVED to note the CEO's report.</p>
6.	Finance report
	<p><i>Mr Phil Skidmore entered the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Finance Report was taken as read. The CEO spoke to her report, noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted the GSC had a positive variance against budget that was expected to close as the year progresses. Accordingly, the GSC is still expecting to finish on budget for 2017-18. <p>The Commissioners RESOLVED to note the December 2017 Finance Report.</p>

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	<i>Mr Skidmore exited the meeting.</i>
7.	<p data-bbox="327 349 788 383">Engagement & submissions summary</p> <p data-bbox="327 416 1366 483">The Chair invited Ms Smalley, to address the meeting. Ms Smalley spoke to her report highlighting the following:</p> <ul data-bbox="327 506 1442 1032" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 506 1442 674">• The draft GSRP was exhibited for 45 days while the revised draft District Plans were exhibited for 50 days, during which time a broad engagement program was undertaken. During this period, the GSC directly engaged with 9,300 Sydneysiders, 14,000 plans were downloaded, 974 formal submissions were received and 500,000 people were reached through social media channels. <li data-bbox="327 696 1442 875">• The response to the draft Plans has been predominantly positive, especially in terms of the vision of a Metropolis of Three Cities and the 30-Minute City. In addition to submissions discussing plan specifics, the majority recognised the importance for a new focus on implementation of the Plans. The submissions highlighted the critical need for a co-ordinated and cross-Government approach to implementation of the Plans. <li data-bbox="327 898 1442 1032">• In relation to the draft GSRP the content, engagement and submissions continued to emphasise the need for adequate infrastructure to support growth, especially transport, education and health; housing choice and affordability, good design and open spaces. There was some variance in views by district. <p data-bbox="327 1055 740 1088">The Commissioners RESOLVED to:</p> <ol data-bbox="327 1111 1442 1570" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 1111 1442 1178">1. Note the engagement activities and the key themes raised during the exhibition period for the draft GSRP and revised draft District Plans. <li data-bbox="327 1189 1442 1256">2. Note submission data, key areas of interest and themes, and the process for analysing, responding to and reporting on submissions. <li data-bbox="327 1267 1442 1357">3. Note engagement feedback and submissions overwhelmingly support the Metropolis of the Three Cities and the 30-Minute City, and the integration of land use, transport and infrastructure planning to produce one strong and consistent vision for Greater Sydney. <li data-bbox="327 1368 1442 1458">4. Note that councils, industry representatives and citizens have stressed the importance of the next steps – namely, the role of the GSC in cross-Government implementation of the Plans. <li data-bbox="327 1469 1442 1570">5. Approve that the Chief Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer have the authority to approve the Submissions and Engagement Report – (Draft) GSRP for presentation to the Minister and for public release.
8.	<p data-bbox="327 1597 692 1630">Greater Sydney Regional Plan</p> <p data-bbox="327 1664 1356 1731">The Chair invited Mr Dalheim to address the meeting. Mr Halvard spoke to his report highlighting:</p> <ul data-bbox="327 1753 1430 2000" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 1753 1430 1888">• As the GSC has been on a two-year engagement program, issues raised during the most recent round of engagement were largely anticipated. Accordingly, modest changes have been made to the draft GSRP, <i>A Metropolis of Three Cities</i> in response to the submission. <li data-bbox="327 1899 1430 1933">• The GSC continues to work with agencies to address any final amendments needed. <li data-bbox="327 1944 1430 2000">• No new substantial issues were raised in the submissions which would warrant major changes to the objectives, strategies or actions.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue that was consistently raised during stakeholder engagement was the effective implementation of the Plan, specifically, the ability to provide the infrastructure required to support growth and the most effective agency to lead implementation, with numerous submissions advocating the need to strengthen the role of the GSC. <p>Discussion followed regarding how often the GSRP, once finalised could be more regularly reviewed and updated. It was agreed that amendments to the Plan should be made as needed in response to changes to Government policies and priorities.</p> <p>The timing of Cabinet approval for the GSRP was also discussed.</p> <p>The Commissioners RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve <i>A Metropolis of Three Cities</i>, at Attachment A as the final draft GSRP to be presented to the Minister for Planning (Minister) in accordance with section 75AE of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>. 2. Approve that <i>A Metropolis of Three Cities</i> be submitted to the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee and, subject to approval, be submitted to Cabinet for endorsement. 3. Approve that the GSC's Chief Commissioner and CEO manage any changes requested by the Minister, Cabinet Infrastructure Committee and Cabinet (excluding the City Deal) to finalise the plans. 4. Approve that the GSC's Deputy Chief Commissioner and CEO manage any changes arising from associated Government decisions relating to the City Deal prior to finalisation. 5. Approve that the submissions to the Cabinet and Cabinet Infrastructure Committee include a recommendation that minor updates to the GSRP, to reflect changes in data information and Government policy or response to the implementation of the GSRP, be approved by the Minister, with significant changes, as determined by the Minister, to be presented to Cabinet, and that any changes to the GSRP will be reflected in the District Plans. 6. Note that the GSC will coordinate with TfNSW and INSW to ensure consistency between <i>A Metropolis for Three Cities</i> and <i>Future Transport 2056</i> arising from any decisions of Government. 7. Note that discussions are underway with the Minister's Office to finalise the 'voice' of the document and appropriate author. 8. Note that a paper on the finalisation of the five draft District Plans will be presented at the 20 March 2018 meeting of the Full Commission for approval. 9. Approve that after all the plans are finalised, the GSC and other agencies work to achieve the outcomes of the Region and District Plans. <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. '30-Minutes Cities' - clarification is required in the GSRP in relation to where the '30-Minutes' begins and ends. 2. DPE to provide advice on the Aboriginal Statement in the GSRP. 3. A hierarchy diagram, which outlines the relationship between the Region and District Plans to be included in the GSRP. 4. NSW Health and the Department of Education to be added to the lead agencies for Action 14. 5. Consideration be given to numbering the summary list of actions at the beginning of each chapter in the Plan be numbered as per the detailed actions in the Plan.

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9.	Committee reports
9.1	Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) report
	The SPC report was taken as read.
9.2	Finance and Governance Committee (FGC) report
	The FGC report was taken as read.
9.3	Infrastructure Delivery Committee (IDC) report
	The IDC report was taken as read.
10.	Other business
	Nil
11.	Next meeting and meeting close
	The Chair noted the next meeting was scheduled for 20 March 2018 and, there being no further business, closed the meeting at 10:16 am.

Signed as a true and correct record:

Lucy Hughes

Chair

Date: **25 May 2018**