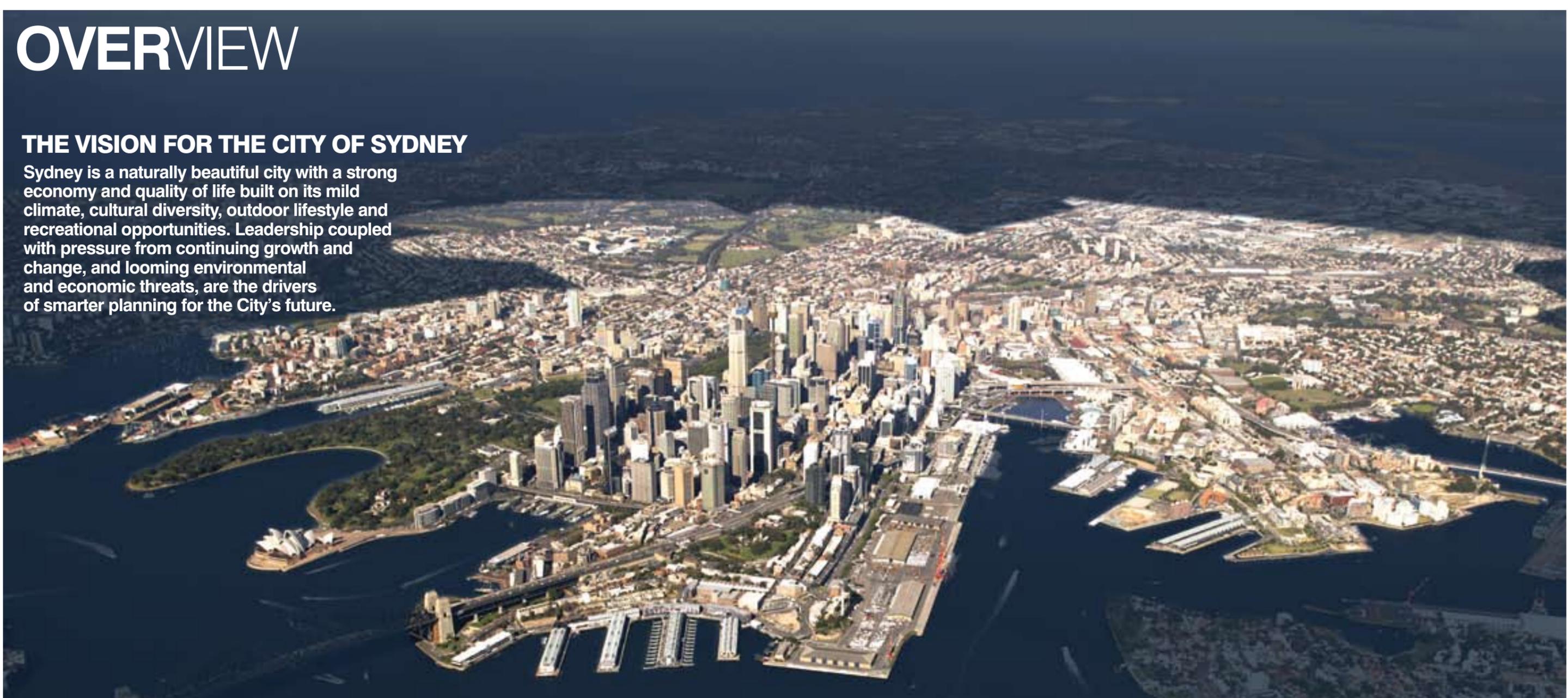


OVERVIEW

THE VISION FOR THE CITY OF SYDNEY

Sydney is a naturally beautiful city with a strong economy and quality of life built on its mild climate, cultural diversity, outdoor lifestyle and recreational opportunities. Leadership coupled with pressure from continuing growth and change, and looming environmental and economic threats, are the drivers of smarter planning for the City's future.



The City of Sydney needs a new strategic Vision, underpinned by a fresh approach and focused on sustainability. The challenges facing the City mean that a dramatic and rapid shift in thinking and action is needed to secure the City's liveability and prosperity for current and future generations.

The unacceptably high risk of global warming is fundamental to the need for bold and visionary action. National and international reports on climate change have reinforced that 'business as usual' is not an option. The world is moving towards dangerous climate change more rapidly than generally understood.

Combined with other big picture forces—such as oil price rises associated with 'peak oil', fall-out from volatile financial markets, a shifting global economic balance toward China and India, an ageing population and declining housing affordability—it is beyond doubt that incremental and ad hoc responses will not be sufficient.

A comprehensive and holistic Vision for the City also requires a focus on the wider Sydney Region. The City is an employment and cultural focus for metropolitan Sydney and its sustainability is critical for Australia's ongoing prosperity. A Vision of this size and scope has inevitable implications beyond the Local Government Area.

Sustainable Sydney 2030 builds on current Regional and State planning, including the State Government's *State Plan* and *Metropolitan Strategy*, while responding to the evidence that more urgent and wide-ranging actions are essential for sustainability.

Effective implementation will depend on new systems of governance, including partnerships with State and Federal Government, other local Councils, education institutions and business organisations. It will require new ways to involve and empower the community.

Green, Global, Connected

The 2030 Vision is based on sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. Sustainable development is not just about the physical environment, but about the economy, society and cultures as well, and how addressing each, with bold ideas and good governance, will result in better outcomes for current and future communities.

The NSW Government's State Plan and Metropolitan Strategy are supported by the Strategic Directions of the 2030 Vision. See page 326.

The Vision is of a **Green, Global, Connected** City.

- **Green** with a modest environmental impact, green with trees, parks, gardens and linked open spaces, native flora and fauna, green by example and green by reputation.
- **Global** in economic orientation, global in links and knowledge exchange, global and open-minded in outlook and attitude.
- **Connected** physically by walking, cycling and high-quality public transport, connected 'virtually' by world-class telecommunications, connected to communities through a sense of belonging and social wellbeing and equity; connected to other spheres of government and to those with an interest in the City; and connected to the City's Indigenous history and active culture.

2030 VISION

THE VISION FOR SYDNEY IS A GREEN, GLOBAL, CONNECTED CITY.

GREEN

Sydney will be internationally recognised as an environmental leader with outstanding environmental performance and new 'green' industries driving economic growth.

The City will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, with a network of green infrastructure to reduce energy, water and waste water demands, led by major renewal sites.

The City will help contain the Sydney Region's urban footprint by planning for new housing opportunities integrated with vital transport, facilities, infrastructure and open space.

The City will protect native flora, fauna and ecologies.

GLOBAL

Sydney will remain Australia's most significant Global City and international gateway with world-class tourism attractions and sustained investment in cultural infrastructure, icons and amenities.

The City will contain premium spaces for business activities and high quality jobs in the City Centre, and supporting social, cultural and recreational facilities to nurture, attract and retain global talent.

The City will embrace innovation, and new generation technologies to connect it through new media and the web, stimulating creativity and collaboration.

The City will be a part of global cultural networks and an active participant in global knowledge exchange.

CONNECTED

Sydney will be easy to get around with a local network for walking and cycling, and transit routes connecting the City's Villages, City Centre and the rest of Inner Sydney. The City will be easy to get to with an upgraded regional transit network that builds on the existing network, enhancing access to Sydney's centre from across the region.

The City's distinctive Villages will continue to be strong focal points for community life and will encourage a sense of belonging. The Villages will be served by Activity Hubs where services are concentrated, interconnected and make a significant contribution to the City's liveability, which will increasingly underpin its global competitiveness.

The City will be diverse and inclusive. Relative equality will be improved by an increased share of affordable housing and better access to community facilities, programs and services across the City, with a resultant improvement in social equity and wellbeing. Cultural vitality will flow from high rates of participation in artistic expression, performance, events and festivals.

The City will celebrate and support its Indigenous people and their living culture.

The City will commit to partnerships and cooperation between governments, the private sector and the community to lead change. The City is part of a wider national and global community and will pursue relationships with other Australian and international cities for cultural, trade and mutually beneficial exchanges.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE 2030 VISION

FIVE BIG MOVES

- 1 A Revitalised City Centre at the Heart of Global Sydney
- 2 An Integrated Inner Sydney Transport Network
- 3 A Liveable Green Network
- 4 Activity Hubs as a Focus for the City's Village Communities and Transport
- 5 Transformative Development and Sustainable Renewal

10 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

- 1 A Globally Competitive and Innovative City
- 2 A Leading Environmental Performer
- 3 Integrated Transport for a Connected City
- 4 A City for Pedestrians and Cyclists
- 5 A Lively, Engaging City Centre
- 6 Vibrant Local Communities and Economies
- 7 A Cultural and Creative City
- 8 Housing for a Diverse Population
- 9 Sustainable Development, Renewal and Design
- 10 Implementation through Effective Partnerships

10 PROJECT IDEAS

- 1 Western Edge
- 2 Three City Squares
- 3 Protecting the Centre
- 4 Eora Journey
- 5 Cultural Ribbon
- 6 Harbour to the Bay
- 7 Connecting Green Square
- 8 Glebe Affordable Housing
- 9 New moves for Newtown
- 10 Green Transformers

10 TARGETS

- 1 **TARGET 1**
By 2030, the City will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent compared to 1990 levels, and by 70 per cent compared to 1990 levels by 2050.
- 2 **TARGET 2**
By 2030, the City will have the capacity to meet up to 100 per cent of electricity demand by local electricity generation and 10 per cent of water supply by local water capture
- 3 **TARGET 3**
By 2030, there will be at least 138,000 dwellings, 48,000 additional dwellings in the City catering for an increased diversity of household types, including a greater share of families.
- 4 **TARGET 4**
By 2030, 7.5 per cent of all City housing will be social housing, and 7.5 per cent will be affordable housing, delivered by not-for-profit or other providers.
- 5 **TARGET 5**
By 2030, the City will contain at least 465,000 jobs including 97,000 additional jobs with an increased share in finance, advanced business services, education, creative industries and tourism sectors.
- 6 **TARGET 6**
By 2030, the use of public transport for travel to work by City Centre workers will increase to 80 per cent and the use of non-private vehicles by City residents for work trips will increase to 80 per cent.
- 7 **TARGET 7**
By 2030, at least 10 per cent of trips made in the City will be by bicycle and 50 per cent by pedestrian movement.
- 8 **TARGET 8**
By 2030, every resident will be within a 10 minute (800m) walk to fresh food markets, childcare, health services and leisure, social, learning and cultural infrastructure.
- 9 **TARGET 9**
By 2030, every resident in the City of Sydney will be within a three minute walk (250m) of continuous green links that connect to the Harbour Foreshore, Harbour Parklands, Moore and Centennial Parks or Sydney Park.
- 10 **TARGET 10**
By 2030, the level of community cohesion and social capital will have increased as measured by more than 45 per cent of people believing that most people can be trusted.

REGIONAL CONTEXT

INNER SYDNEY

DEFINING SYDNEY

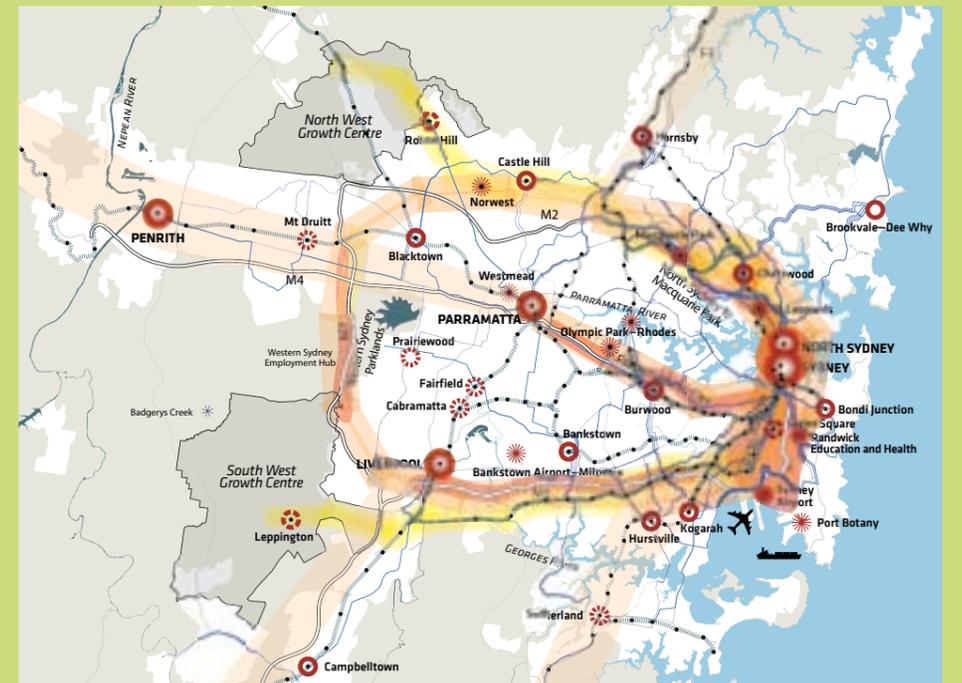
Sustainable Sydney 2030 is the Vision for the area defined as the City of Sydney Local Government Area. The City of Sydney is the local authority with responsibility for this area but numerous other stakeholders share an interest in it. The State Government has an explicit strategic interest and this is outlined in the State Plan and the Metropolitan Strategy. State agencies such as the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and the Redfern-Waterloo Authority, among others, also have key planning and development responsibilities. Sustainable Sydney 2030 recognises the broader development context of inner Sydney, which includes the Inner West, Eastern Suburbs and North Sydney. This area is a focus for jobs, leisure and cultural opportunities for the wider Sydney Region. To ensure there is clarity regarding the relevant geographies and responsibilities, the different terms and areas are defined on the next page.



REGIONAL CONTEXT
INNER SYDNEY

REGION DEFINITIONS

- THE CITY OF SYDNEY** refers to the Council as an organisation, responsible for the development and local administration of the City.
- THE COUNCIL** refers to the elected Councillors of the City of Sydney.
- THE CITY** refers to the geographical area that is administered by The City of Sydney and its physical elements.
- THE CITY CENTRE** encompasses the old Sydney 'Central Business District' and includes major civic functions, government offices, cultural and entertainment assets and runs between Circular Quay and Central Station, Domain/Hyde Park and Darling Harbour.
- INNER SYDNEY** refers to the 11 Local Government areas of Inner Sydney: the City of Sydney, North Sydney, Ashfield, Botany Bay, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Randwick, Rockdale, Waverley and Woollahra.
- THE SYDNEY REGION** refers to the 43 Local Government Areas of the Sydney metropolitan area and Central Coast (this is also the area defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as the Sydney Statistical Division).



REGIONAL CONTEXT METROPOLITAN STRATEGY MAP

SOURCE: NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING CITY OF CITIES, METROPOLITAN STRATEGY 2005

CITY VISION

PEOPLE
WANT
A CITY...

The comprehensive consultation conducted by the City of Sydney over more than a year showed the messages are clear. People want a City that is economically prosperous, a leader in environmental management, liveable, inclusive and culturally alive. They want to move around the City safely and in a way that is environmentally responsible. They want Sydney to be **Green, Global and Connected.**





"...that includes Indigenous people in its future."

"...where economic benefits will be gained by enhancing sustainability."

"...where riding a bike is safe and enjoyable."

"...where activities are close to transport."

"...that is globally connected."

"...where people feel a sense of belonging, connected to the local village, shops and people in the streets."

"...with efficient use of energy, water, and reduced waste."

"...which is friendly."

"...that is respectful of diversity—cultural, religious, age, gender, sexuality and family structure"

"...that is beautiful with ribbons of green."

"...provides affordable space for creative people."

"...which celebrates the outdoors."

"...that offers affordability and social diversity."

"...not clogged by cars."

"...that tells its history."