

# Local Strategic Planning Statement

## Implementation Plan

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Newcastle



# Introduction

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is the land use planning component of our Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IP&R). The priorities and actions of the LSPS are aligned with the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and will be reviewed concurrently every four years.

Implementation of the actions identified in the LSPS will be monitored through the IP&R Framework. To align actions with the framework, actions are identified as commencing within 1 year to 4 years.

The Implementation Plan will be reviewed every 12 months as actions are completed and to reflect changes in Federal, State or Local priorities as well as resources and budgets.

## Legend

### Timeframe



Short: 1 Year



Medium: 2 – 3 years





Long: 4+ years



## An integrated and accessible transport network

Planning Priority	Action	Deliverable	Timeframe	Responsibility
<b>Planning Priority 1:</b> <b>Prioritise active transport in our City</b>	1.1 Review and update the Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan to guide the growth of cycling and active transport networks with the Newcastle Transport Strategy, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targets for the construction of new separated cycleways, pedestrian paths, and safe cycling improvements.</li> <li>• Respond to the importance of cool transport corridors in encouraging use of active transport and identify opportunities to incorporate shade along active transport routes.</li> </ul>	Updated Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan		Traffic & Parking
	1.2 Review and update Newcastle Development Control Plan provisions for movement networks, car parking and active transport to facilitate use of active transport in Catalyst Areas, Strategic Centres, Urban Renewal Corridors and Housing Release Areas.	Amended Newcastle Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
<b>Planning Priority 2:</b> <b>Support emerging transport opportunities and public transport improvements with continued integration of land use and transport planning</b>	2.1 Collaborate with relevant State Agencies to plan the light rail corridor identified in the Newcastle Light Rail Extension Strategic Business Case (Newcastle Interchange to John Hunter Hospital via Broadmeadow) and identify opportunities for improved connections both to and between Catalyst Areas and Strategic Centres.	Land use and infrastructure plan for the light rail corridor		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	2.2 Review and update the Newcastle Transport Strategy (or equivalent) to guide integration of transport and land use planning.	Updated Newcastle Transport Strategy		Traffic & Parking
	2.3 Review and update planning controls to support the uptake and use of electric vehicles, shared transport schemes and more efficient car parking management to support a transition to more sustainable forms of transport.	Amended Newcastle Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment

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Planning Priority 3: <b>Protect freight movement from incompatible land uses</b>	3.1 Work with Transport for NSW to identify existing and potential strategic road and rail freight corridors in the Newcastle Transport Strategy.	Map identifying strategic road and rail freight routes		Traffic & Parking
	3.2 Review provisions in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan to ensure appropriate land uses are permitted on land adjoining strategic road and rail freight routes and sensitive uses can be adequately buffered.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment







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## A green city

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Planning Priority 4: <b>Green our neighbourhoods</b>	4.1 Review Newcastle Development Control Plan provisions for landscaped and impervious area, shade and vegetation management including opportunities to use green roofs and walls.	Amended Newcastle Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	4.2 Review and update the Urban Forest Policy (or equivalent) to sustain and increase our urban tree canopy cover.	Updated Urban Forest Policy		Assets & Projects
Planning Priority 5: <b>Protect and enhance our bushland, waterways and wetlands</b>	5.1 Complete the review and update of the Environmental Management Strategy to protect and enhance our environment, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map of the local blue and green grids.</li> <li>• Identification of baselines and targets for key environmental indicators..</li> </ul>	Updated Environmental Management Strategy		Assets & Projects
	5.2 Investigate the use of riparian zone mapping in the Local Environmental Plan to protect waterways and wetlands from inappropriate development.	Riparian Zones map		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	5.3 Review the land use tables for Environmental Zones in Newcastle Local Environmental Plan to ensure permitted and prohibited uses reflect the conservation intentions within the zone objectives.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	5.4 Review Newcastle Development Control Plan provisions for stormwater and landscaping to incorporate best practice mechanisms to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on bushland, waterways and wetlands.	Amended Newcastle Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	5.5 Investigate development of a local biodiversity off-setting policy and a policy on the retention, transfer and ownership of lands of environmental value to support the protection and enhancement of bushland.	Biodiversity Off-setting Policy		Assets & Projects







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Planning Priority 6: <b>Reduce carbon emissions and resource consumption</b>	6.1 Review the Newcastle Development Control Plan provisions for waste management with an emphasis on reduce, reuse and recycling.	Amended Newcastle Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	6.2 Investigate provisions in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan that facilitate greater efficiencies of energy and water use than current minimum standards and net zero carbon emissions in new development (including industrial uses).	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	6.3 Complete the review of the Carbon and Water Management Plan (Climate Action Plan) to provide a framework for reducing carbon emissions and resource consumption.	Climate Action Plan		Corporate & Community Planning
Planning Priority 7: <b>Plan for climate change and build resilience</b>	7.1 Investigate the use of coastal hazard vulnerability mapping for inclusion in <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018</i> to enable land use planning to respond to coastal hazard risks.	Coastal hazard maps included in the SEPP		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	7.2 Review and update planning controls in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan to enable new development to respond to hazard and risk information as it becomes available.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	7.3 Investigate opportunities to incorporate provisions in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan to address urban heat island impacts and reduce UV exposure.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment

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## A livable city

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<b>Planning Priority 8: Plan for growth and change in Catalyst Areas, Strategic Centres, Urban Renewal Corridors and Housing Release Areas</b>	8.1 Work with stakeholders to plan and prioritise infrastructure delivery with future development of Catalyst Areas, Strategic Centres, Urban Renewal Corridors and Housing Release Areas.	Infrastructure Plan for each Catalyst Area, Housing Release Area and Urban Renewal Corridor		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	8.2 Work with stakeholders to commence investigations for a land use and infrastructure delivery plan for the Broadmeadow Catalyst Area.	Land use and infrastructure plan for Broadmeadow		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	8.3 Review the planning controls for the Newcastle City Centre in Part 7 of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan to ensure controls facilitate continued growth and renewal.	Discussion paper on the effectiveness of existing planning controls and recommendation for any changes needed.		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	8.4 Prepare a priority schedule to review and update the planning controls for Stage 1 Urban Renewal Corridors to ensure controls support the desired development outcomes. Update the Implementation Plan to identify the timing of each corridor review.	A schedule identifying a process for the review of planning controls for Stage 1 Urban Renewal Corridors.		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	8.5 Prepare a priority schedule to identify the redevelopment potential and implementation of the Stage 2 Urban Renewal Corridors. Update the Implementation Plan to identify the timing of each corridor review.	A schedule for the development of infrastructure and land use plans for Stage 2 Urban Renewal Corridors.		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	8.6 Review the actions and continue to implement the Wickham Master Plan: (a) with respect to the permissible housing types within the Village hub precinct and their impact on densities and the envisaged character. (b) to consider the implications of mine subsidence and potential options.	An amended Action Plan for the Wickham Master Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment





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Planning Priority 9: <b>Sustainable, healthy and inclusive streets, neighbourhoods and local centres</b>	9.1 Review each local centre and its place in the commercial centres hierarchy. Prepare a priority schedule to implement any changes to planning controls needed to provide sufficient land to meet the retail needs of our growing population; and enable flexibility of uses to meet changing retail demand.	A schedule prioritising the implementation of recommendations and actions identified in the Employment Lands Strategy		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	9.2 Continue to improve the amenity and accessibility of local centres through infrastructure investment by progressing the the Local Centres Program.	Local centres with improved liveability		Assets & Projects
	9.3 In conjunction with local character assessments and the Local Centres Program identify spaces in neighbourhoods where people can gather, such as community gardens and seating, which incorporate well-designed shade.	Areas for social connection identified in local character assessments		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	9.4 Support access to healthy food by identifying community land appropriate for community gardens and preparing policies to support the development of community gardens, public space gardens, farmers markets, verge planting and roadside stalls.	Policies to provide details of when and where community gardens, public space gardens, farmers markets, verge planting and roadside stalls can be installed.		Corporate & Community Planning

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Planning Priority 10: <b>Development responds to the desired local character of our communities</b>	10.1 Work with stakeholders to undertake local character assessments of different neighbourhoods utilising the NSW Government's Local Character and Place Guideline. Assessments will commence with Tighes Hill, Denison Street Hamilton and Kotara (outside of the Catalyst Area boundary). Future local character assessments will be nominated in the LSPS Implementation Plan.	Local character statement for Tighes Hill, Denison St Hamilton and Kotara.  LSPS Implementation Plan to nominate future local character assessments.		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	10.2 Investigate opportunities to better articulate and consider the desired local character of different neighbourhoods within the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan, so that new development positively contributes to desired local character.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	10.3 Review the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan to consider the application of <i>State Environmental Planning Policy 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development</i> to boarding houses and serviced apartments, so that new development contributes positively to the desired local character.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
Planning Priority 11: <b>Protect and celebrate our heritage</b>	11.1 Complete the review of the Newcastle Heritage Strategy to guide the protection and celebration of heritage over the next 10 years.	Updated Heritage Strategy		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	11.2 Work with the Awabakal, Worimi and Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Councils to identify constraints and opportunities for land holdings identified in their Community Land and Business Plans.	Ongoing engagement and updated Community Land and Business Plans		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment







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Planning Priority 12: <b>Sustainable, affordable and inclusive housing</b>	12.1 Finalise the Local Housing Strategy to guide the development of sustainable, affordable and inclusive housing across the local government area.	Local Housing Strategy		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	12.2 Implement the short-term actions identified in the Newcastle Affordable Living Plan.	New Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme, Affordable Housing Policy and amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment

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## A smart and innovative economy

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Planning Priority 13: <b>Grow our key health and education sectors</b>	13.1 Work with John Hunter Hospital and the University of Newcastle to align the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan with the adopted Master Plans and investigate changes needed to planning controls in the surrounding areas.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	13.2 Work with other health and education providers to align the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan with future growth plans.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
Planning Priority 14: <b>Enable the transition to new economy jobs and grow creative industries</b>	14.1 Implement the actions identified in the Employment Lands Strategy (or equivalent) and the Smart City Strategy (or equivalent).	Identified land use actions		Corporate & Community Planning
	14.2 Review the residential zone land use tables and Clause 5.4 controls to enable more home businesses and industries.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	14.3 Review the land use tables in the industrial zones to ensure these allow for uses within the new economy, creative industries and artisan manufacturing.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
Planning Priority 15: <b>Plan for the expansion and diversification of Newcastle Port</b>	15.1 Work with operators of the Newcastle Port to align the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan with the adopted Master Plan; and investigate changes needed to planning controls in the surrounding areas.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment

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Planning Priority 16: <b>Grow our tourism, entertainment, and night-time economies</b>	16.1 Review the Local Environmental Plan to ensure tourism related land uses nominated in the land use table in all zones are consistent with the zone objectives.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	16.2 Investigate opportunities within the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan to better support the night-time economy, reduce land use conflict and support live music and performance in key locations.	Amended Newcastle Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment
	16.3 Implement the land use related actions identified in the Newcastle After Dark Night-Time Economy Strategy and the Destination Management Plan.	Identified land use actions		Regulatory, Planning & Assessment

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## Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting

- 17.1 Develop a holistic suite of indicators and measures to track progress in meeting our land use planning vision and achieving our community's vision to be a smart, liveable, and sustainable global city.
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- 17.2 Explore the development of a City of Newcastle Liveability Index based on the indicators and measures in Action 17.1, with reference to similar approaches adopted by cities nationally and globally.
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- 17.3 Report progress with implementing actions identified in the LSPS through the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
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- 17.4 Align future LSPS updates with the review of the Community Strategic Plan.
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