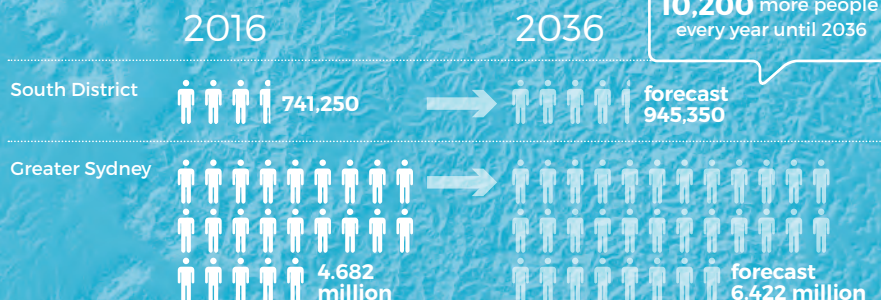




Local Government Areas:
Canterbury-Bankstown
Georges River
Sutherland

Snapshot of the South District

Population



Up to **44%** of residents speak a **language other than English** at home, higher than the Greater Sydney average of 37%

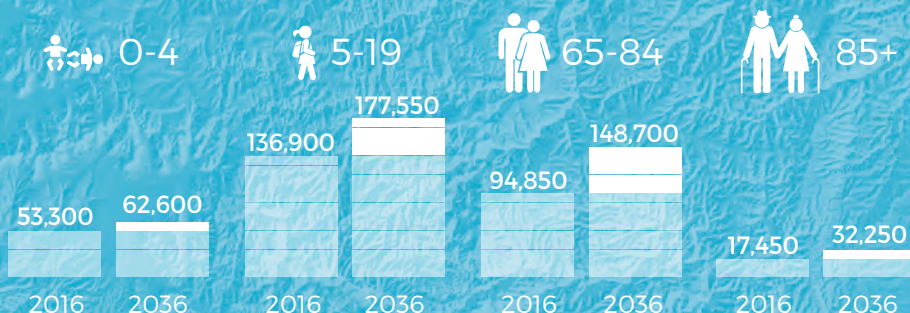


241,500 jobs

which is **10%** of Greater Sydney's jobs



Growth by Key Age Groups



There will be **almost double** the number of people aged **over 85 years** in the **next 20 years**

The South District Plan

The South District offers something for everyone – access to great beaches and Australia's first national park, direct rail links to the Sydney CBD and beyond, wonderful eat-streets and multicultural hubs, and superb potential in terms of future knowledge-intensive and health-related jobs.

The draft South District Plan maps our 20-year vision for the South District of Greater Sydney.

The draft South District Plan is one of six draft District Plans developed by the Greater Sydney Commission for each of Sydney's Districts. We were established by the NSW Government in 2016 to do the big picture planning for Greater Sydney. The District Commissioner for the South District is the Hon. Morris Iemma.

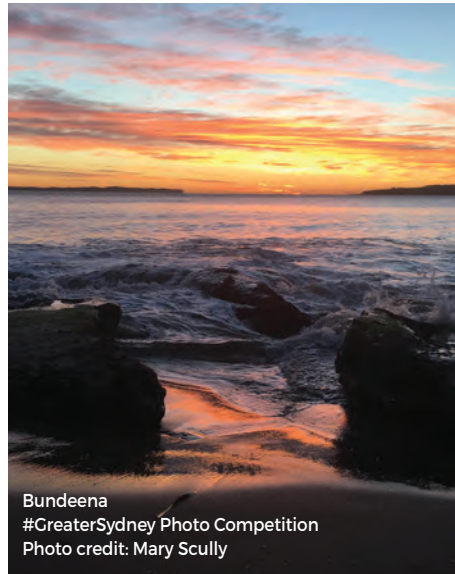
This overview summarises the draft South District Plan and asks you for your thoughts and ideas. You can read the entire draft Plan at www.greater.sydney and send feedback:

- via the website
- by email:
engagement@gsc.nsw.gov.au
- by post:
Greater Sydney Commission
Draft South District Plan
PO Box 257, Parramatta NSW 2124

We want to work with you to understand what is important and to give everyone an opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of the South District.

Planning in Greater Sydney traditionally happened at two levels: The NSW Government developed overarching plans that considered the city's growing population, including what kind of jobs and transport people will need. Local government developed local environmental plans to identify how land can be used, including housing, business and parks.

We're now bridging this gap with district-level planning that connects local planning with the longer-term metropolitan planning for Greater Sydney.



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Map of Greater Sydney



Our vision for the South District

The South District is a place of great natural beauty and diverse communities, where jobs are easy to get to, nature is close at hand, and a variety of housing forms and affordability levels support a diverse community.

By 2036, people living in the South District will have greater access to healthier rivers, bays, beaches and bushland. Increased tree cover will better integrate urban areas with these natural areas.

People will have access to a greater number of parks and playing fields, particularly in northern communities where existing levels of access are lower, there will be safe walking and cycling links. This culturally diverse community – epitomised by the mix of backgrounds, faiths and experiences in the new City of Canterbury-Bankstown – will thrive as new food and dining hubs and community events spread a new energy throughout the District.

In addition to the District's three rail lines and 42 suburban rail stations, Sydney Metro City & Southwest will reinforce the District's strong connections to employment hubs at Sydney Airport and the Sydney City.

People living in the District will still be more likely to work outside the District than within it, but growth in local jobs will expand education and health services. The St George Public and Private Hospitals will strengthen as leading institutions, building the importance of Kogarah Centre and increasing the number of smart jobs available to local residents.

With planned investments, Sutherland Hospital and private hospitals in Hurstville will create employment in health care and allied services. Protecting land for existing employment and urban services will provide opportunities for start-up businesses and allow jobs to grow in the urban services that support the District.

Aboriginal heritage within the South District

Much of the South District falls within Darawal Country, which extends from the southern side of Botany Bay into the Illawarra region. It also encompasses some of the traditional lands of the Darug language group. Among the peoples who are part of this rich history are the Gweagal, Gandangara and Bediagal.

Towra Point Nature Reserve, located on Botany Bay, is a declared Aboriginal Place in recognition of its natural and spiritual significance to Aboriginal people. Also located within the District, within the Kamay National Park on the Kurnell Peninsula, is the site of Captain Cook's first landing, and the first meeting place of European and Aboriginal cultures.

Snapshot of the South District's future

To respond to population growth, a collaborative approach to planning will focus development in areas where there is capacity in the rail network and where local centres can be reinvigorated. Local strategies will deliver great places for the community, creating opportunities for more housing and jobs, and ensuring the infrastructure the community needs is there when it's needed.

The District will continue to celebrate its cultural diversity and the distinctive character this brings to its centres. It will continue to be a place where newly arrived migrants will be welcomed. Social cohesion will be strengthened by maintaining the affordability of housing options and by providing a diverse range of housing choices throughout the District.

- **The natural environment** – providing recreational opportunities for residents, whilst improving and protecting the District's native bushland, beaches, rivers, waterways and wetlands.
- **Major transport infrastructure** – the Sydney Metro City & Southwest will strengthen the District's connection to Sydney CBD and enhance housing opportunities along the corridor from Sydenham to Bankstown.
- **Kogarah Strategic Centre** – continuing to provide health services across the District as well as retail and local services for residents and workers.
- **Tourism** – with its spectacular natural, physical and cultural assets, the District can benefit from economic growth associated with tourism and proximity to Sydney Airport.
- **Cultural diversity** – creating a strong sense of place by celebrating the District's cultural diversity, including supporting its food culture.
- **Renewal** – Canterbury is an area undergoing change and its proximity to Parramatta and Sydney CBD offers opportunities for growth in housing, jobs and services.



Achieving the vision – Our priorities

To achieve this vision for the South District, the draft Plan sets out our priorities and actions that will shape the District's future and guide policy decisions.



Grow and diversify job opportunities

The arrival of the Sydney Metro will further improve connectivity with Sydney City, making the daily commute for city workers faster and easier. Planning for local jobs growth will centre on increasing opportunities in the health precincts of St George, Sutherland and Hurstville, developing tourism and promoting new-generation jobs and start-ups in traditional industrial areas. Bankstown Airport is also an important asset as it provides a significant opportunity to grow local employment and advance 'smart manufacturing'.



Grow Kogarah health and education super precinct

We will aim to grow and diversify the Kogarah health and education super precinct as it will drive economic prosperity and social wellbeing. We will plan for increased access and enhanced urban amenity within and around the super precinct as well as protect surrounding employment land.

The NSW Government has committed \$277 million for the redevelopment of St George Hospital.



Stimulate urban renewal in growth corridors

We want to revitalise the urban areas within the South District such as Canterbury Road, to create towns and suburbs with better community spaces, enhanced transport links, greater housing choice, more affordable housing and more jobs closer to home. The integration of key housing and infrastructure projects such as the Sydney Metro and the Communities Plus regeneration of Riverwood will stimulate urban renewal without displacing existing communities.



Make better community places and spaces

Liveability will be a key priority in planning for the future, acknowledging the need to provide a more even balance of sport and recreation facilities across the District, and better links between green spaces and to foreshore areas. Place-making initiatives and good urban design will create more attractive centres with better connectivity, including dedicated routes for walking and cycling.



Understand and better manage natural hazards

The District's coastal qualities and its proximity to bushland contribute to a great lifestyle. However, the interface of urban areas and activities with the natural landscape also brings risks, including coastal inundation and erosion, flooding, and bushfires. Our priorities are to guide development to minimise risks from natural hazards, protect the values of the District's metropolitan rural areas and support the updated NSW Government coastal policy.



Protect and improve the natural landscape and waterways

The natural landscape, bays, rivers, creeks and beaches of the South District are integral to its character and lifestyle. Future urban development will be balanced with the need to protect and enhance the biodiversity and health of waterways, including Botany Bay, Port Hacking, the Georges Rivcer, the Woronora River and the Cooks River.

Culture and heritage within the South District

The District's rich culture and heritage underpins its sense of place and identity. The Old Sugarmill, Carrs Cottage, Penshurst Reservoirs and Como Rail Bridge, represent the history of European settlement.

Examples of the District's cultural facilities include Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, the Sutherland Entertainment Centre and Jubilee Oval (Kogarah Park). Bankstown Bites Food Festival and Campsie Food Festival are some examples of festivals that show strong community spirit within the South District.

Our vision for Greater Sydney

The current 20-year planning strategy for Greater Sydney is *A Plan for Growing Sydney*, released by the NSW Government in December 2014. In preparing the draft District Plans we have considered *A Plan for Growing Sydney* as well as a range of other matters that have generated a major shift in strategic planning for Greater Sydney, and have created a longer term, transformational focus on the regional significance of central and western Sydney. As such, *Towards our Greater Sydney 2056*, with its strategy for a metropolis of three cities is set to provide a framework that can better underpin strategic planning for a more productive, liveable and sustainable city. To read more about this vision or to lodge a formal submission, visit www.greater.sydney.

Towards our Greater Sydney 2056 captures an ambitious future for a growing Greater Sydney and acts as a bridge between the current and future metropolitan plans that provide the overarching vision for Greater Sydney as a whole. It describes Greater Sydney as:



A Productive Greater Sydney is a

city with more jobs in many centres, with more people being able to access their jobs within 30 minutes of where they live. A Productive Greater Sydney sees new knowledge-intensive jobs in centres right across Greater Sydney's six Districts, and supports investment in digital and knowledge-intensive industries.



A Liveable Greater Sydney is a city with many different places that offer the kind of day to day services

and experiences that contribute to our health and happiness. A Liveable Greater Sydney places quality of life considerations at the heart of our planning, focusing on better public transport links, and safe and accessible walking and cycling routes. It offers a greater choice in places to live, and matches the demand for services with new facilities such as schools, hospitals, child care, aged care and community centres.



A Sustainable Greater Sydney is a

city that continues to exist within a precious landscape, and uses this landscape's environmental integrity as an asset. It focuses on improving the health of Greater Sydney's waterways and enhancing its biodiversity, while also building resilience to natural disasters such as flood and fire that are an inevitable consequence of our landscape and climate. A Sustainable Greater Sydney harnesses technology to unearth innovative ways to minimise our environmental impact.



St George Hospital, Kogarah

Towards our Greater Sydney 2056 tells a story of productivity, liveability and sustainability across three cities that collectively make up Global Sydney. Part of the South District shares in the Eastern City.

Western City

Encompassing the economic area that will evolve with the development of Western Sydney Airport, an emerging centre of connectivity with a focus on freight, transport and logistics. It will also offer the strategic advantage of creating a greater diversity of jobs and greater social opportunities for the many citizens in the centres of Penrith, Blacktown, Liverpool and Campbelltown-Macarthur.

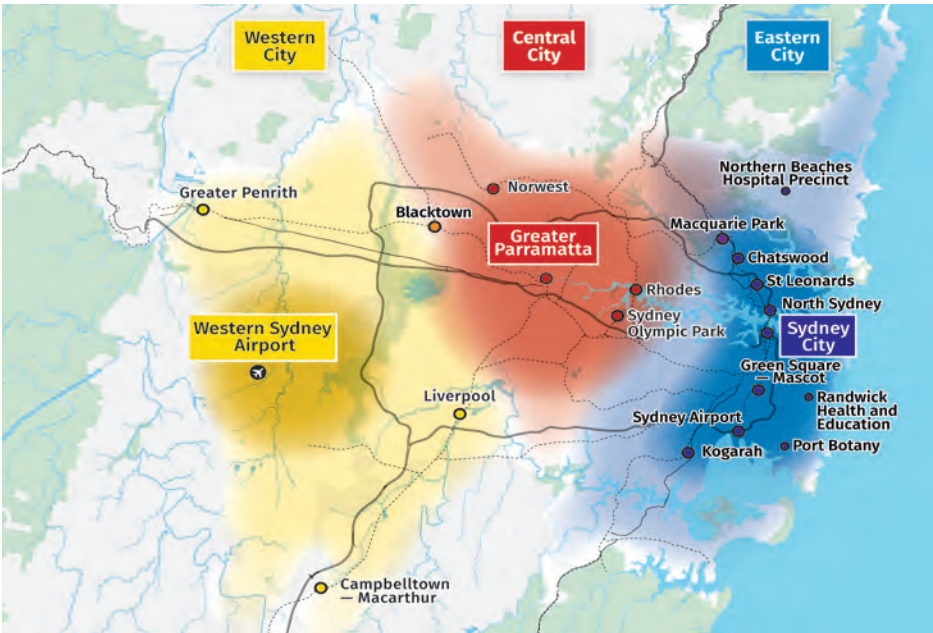
Central City

Concentrated on the developing job hubs of the Greater Parramatta area, with a foundation in health and education, advanced manufacturing, innovation driven enterprises as well as urban services and Greater Parramatta being the administrative and business centre for Greater Sydney. Strong transport capacity and connections to the Eastern City and Western City will be crucial for the success of the Central City.

Eastern City

Clustered around Sydney City, extending from Macquarie Park to Kogarah, with established strength in service industries, finance and innovation, and connected to Sydney Airport, Port Botany and Randwick Health and Education, the established Eastern City will continue to grow.

Plan of Greater Sydney's Three Cities



More about the South District



Public open space

makes up **42%** of the South District and **56% of Greater Sydney**

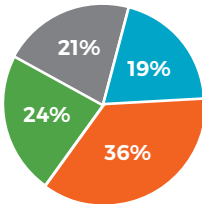
There will be **23,600 more people living alone** over the next 20 years, which will be the fastest growing household type between 2016 and 2036

Single person households

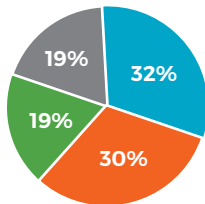


Jobs in 2016

South District



Greater Sydney



Knowledge and professional services



Population serving sectors



Health and education



Industrial

15% of residents have a **bachelor degree**



compared to the Greater Sydney average of **20%**

62% of homes in the South District are **detached,**



compared to **57%** across Greater Sydney

Your feedback on our Plan

#GreaterSydney: Insights from the community

Our conversations with the community through the #GreaterSydney engagement program have provided valuable insights into what the community values about the South District and what people want to see changed. We have sought to encapsulate these inputs in the draft South District Plan. You can read the full draft South District Plan at www.greater.sydney.

The feedback so far highlights that people want more jobs, study opportunities and pathways to long-term employment. Better public transport, including more frequent bus and train services, is important, as is easing traffic congestion, particularly around Sydney Airport.

People support more affordable housing and want to maintain a mix of housing options.

They want to see investment in community infrastructure such as recreational facilities, walking and cycling paths, retail areas and quality open space.

There is also a desire for more community activities and events, as well as community-led green spaces such as community gardens.

We are inviting your feedback, in response to the draft South District Plan, and encourage you to help us plan together for the future of the South District.

To find out how to get involved or lodge a formal submission, visit www.greater.sydney.

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