

PLANNING FOR SYDNEY

GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION AND THE DISTRICT PLANS

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OVERVIEW

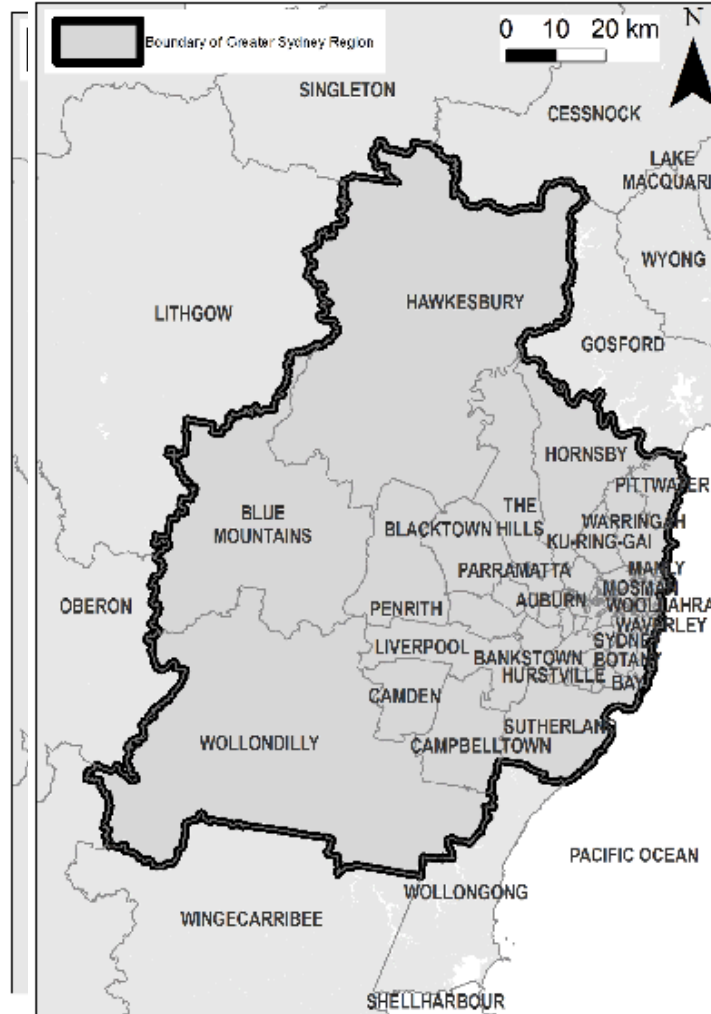
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PART 1 - THE GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION (GSC)



BACKGROUND & CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Planning Review

2011 - 2013

2. GSC Bill passed

October 2015

3. GSC Act Commences, District and Regional Plans drafted

January 2016 - October 2016

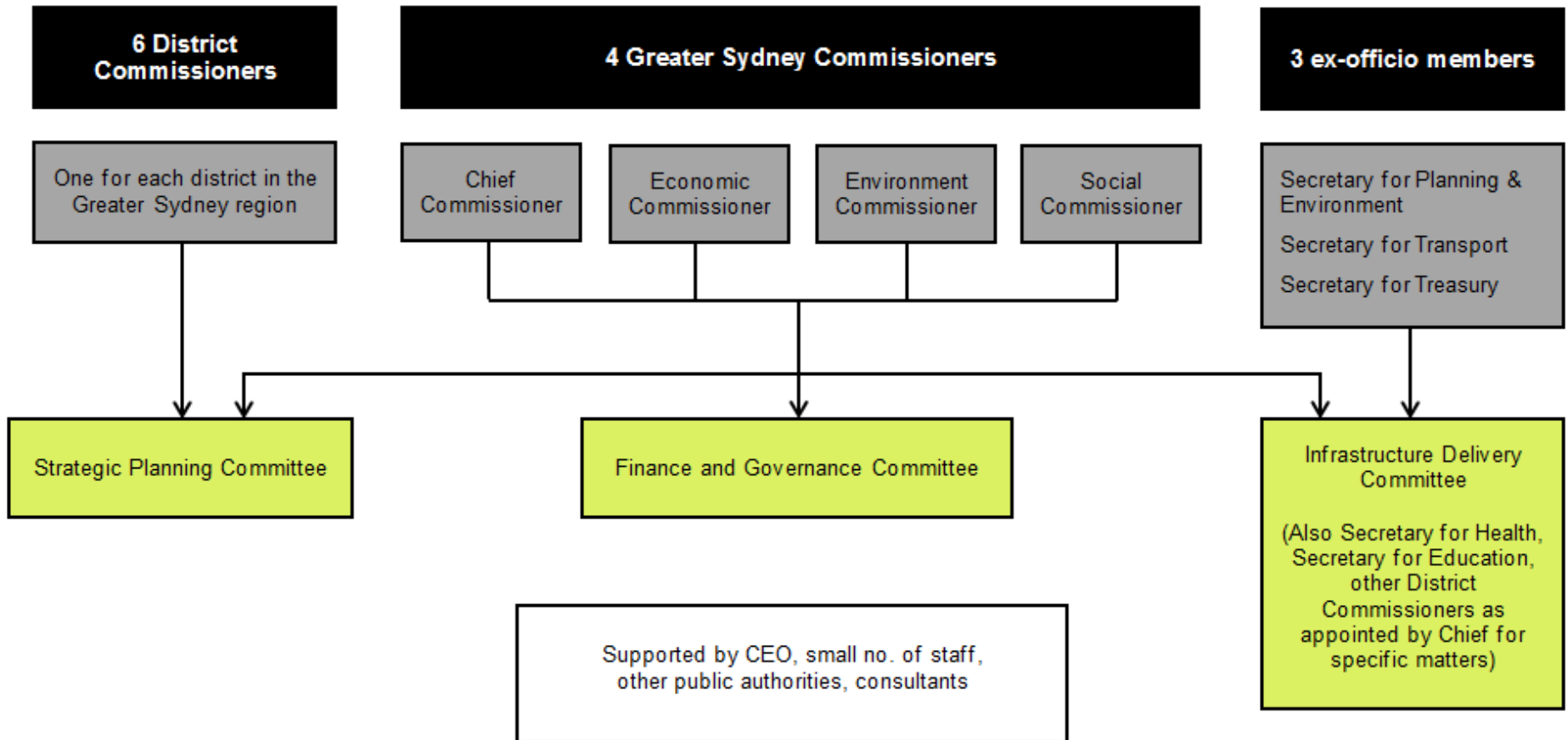
4. Public exhibition of the draft District Plans

November 2016 - March 2017

5. Community consultations

February 2017 - March 2017

THE GSC STRUCTURE



WHO'S WHO?

▶ Commissioners

- » Chief Commissioner, Lucy Turnbull AO
- » Deputy Chief Commissioner, Economic Commissioner, Geoff Roberts
- » Environment Commissioner, Rod Simpson
- » Social Commissioner, Heather Nesbitt

▶ CEO

- » Sarah Hill

WHO'S WHO? (CONT)

- ▶ **District Commissioners**
 - » Central - Maria Atkinson
 - » North - Dr Deborah Dearing
 - » West Central - Dr Edward Blakely
 - » West - Sean O'Toole
 - » South West - Sheridan Dudley
 - » South - Morris Iemma

SYDNEY'S BRADY BUNCH



GSC'S KEY OBJECTIVES & FUNCTIONS

1. Lead metropolitan planning for the Greater Sydney Region (**GSR**) through the making of District and Regional Plans
2. Promote orderly development in the GSR by integrating social, economic and environmental considerations
3. Align government infrastructure decision-making with land use planning
4. Support, monitor and report on the implementation of the *Towards our Greater Sydney 2056* vision
5. Delegated and statutory responsibility to make LEPS

REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW



A PLAN FOR GROWING SYDNEY

**A STRONG GLOBAL CITY
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

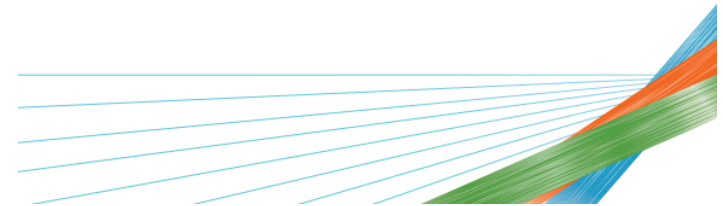
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A DRAFT AMENDMENT TO UPDATE A PLAN FOR GROWING SYDNEY



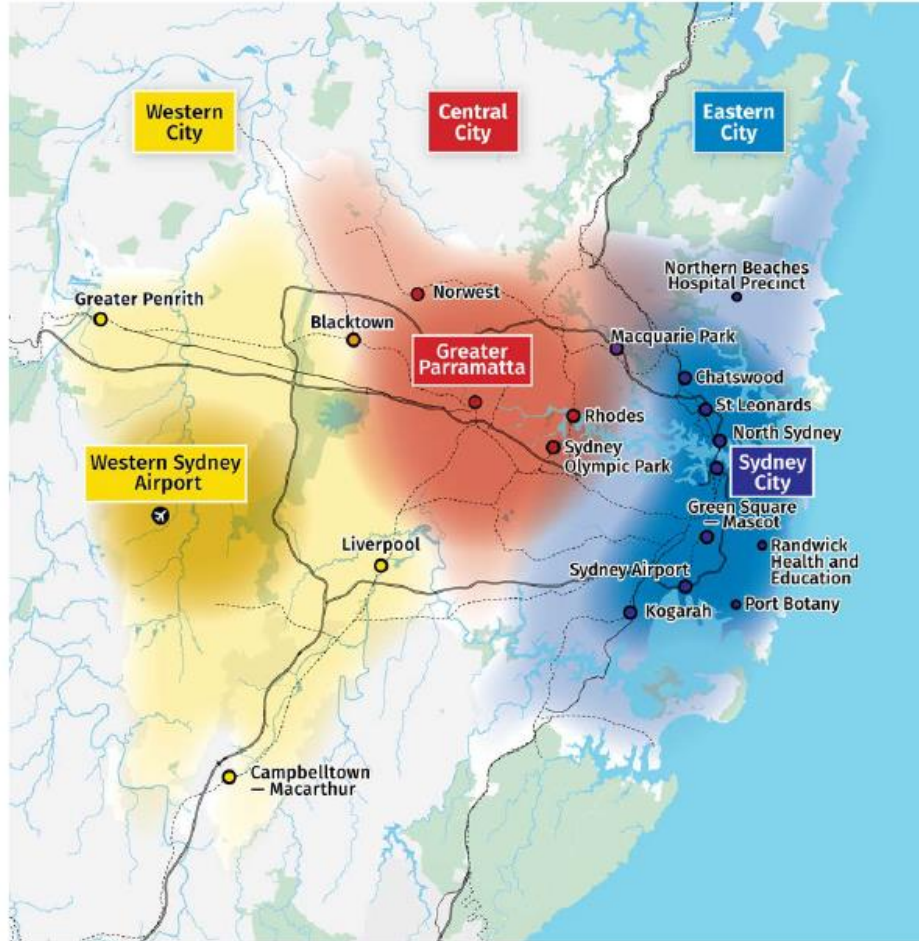
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Greater Sydney 2056**

NOVEMBER 2016



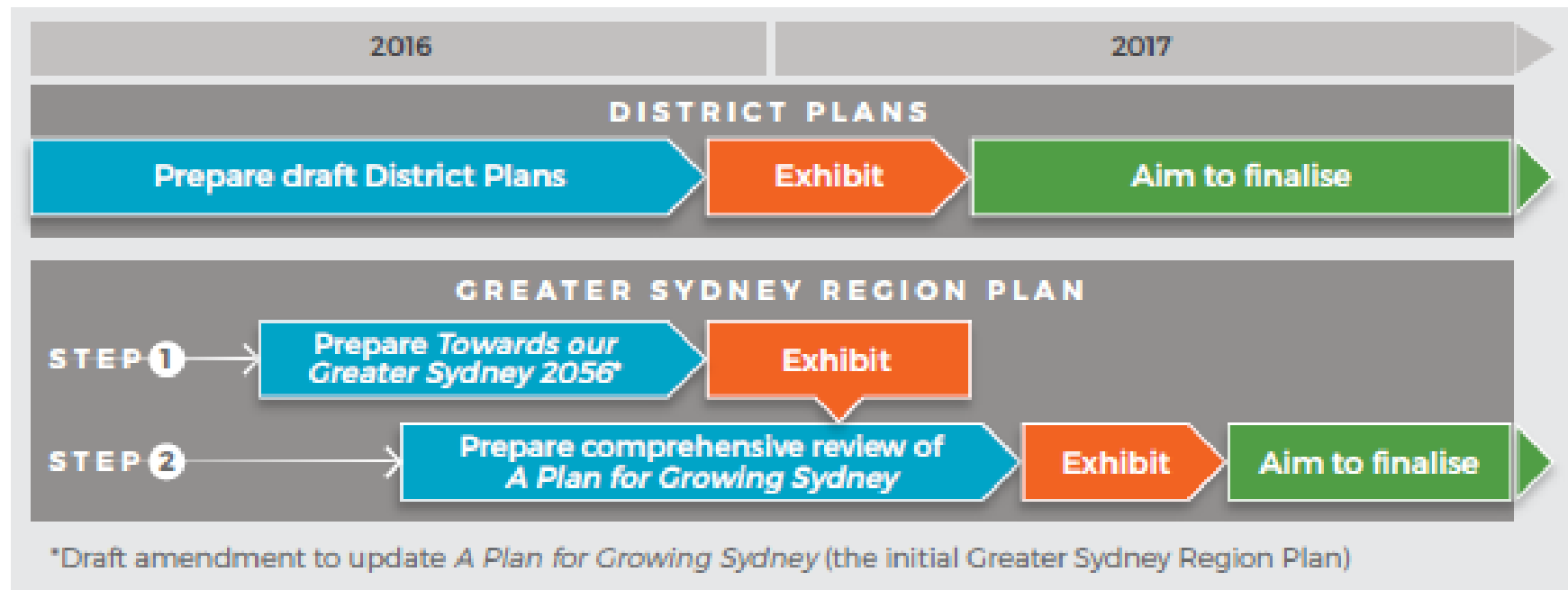
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Figure 2-2: A metropolis of three cities: Global Sydney



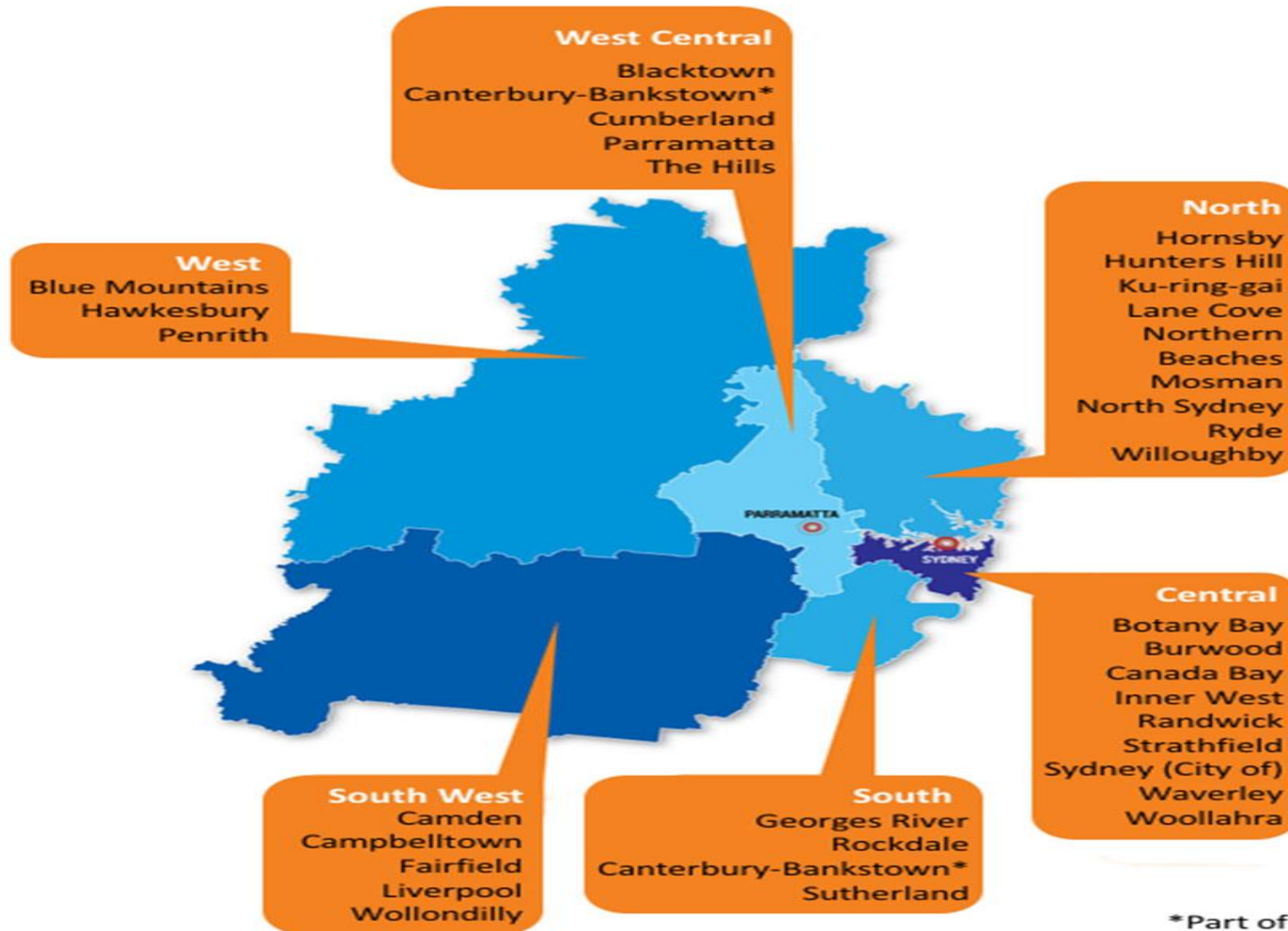
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Figure 1-1: The regional and district planning process (2016/2017)



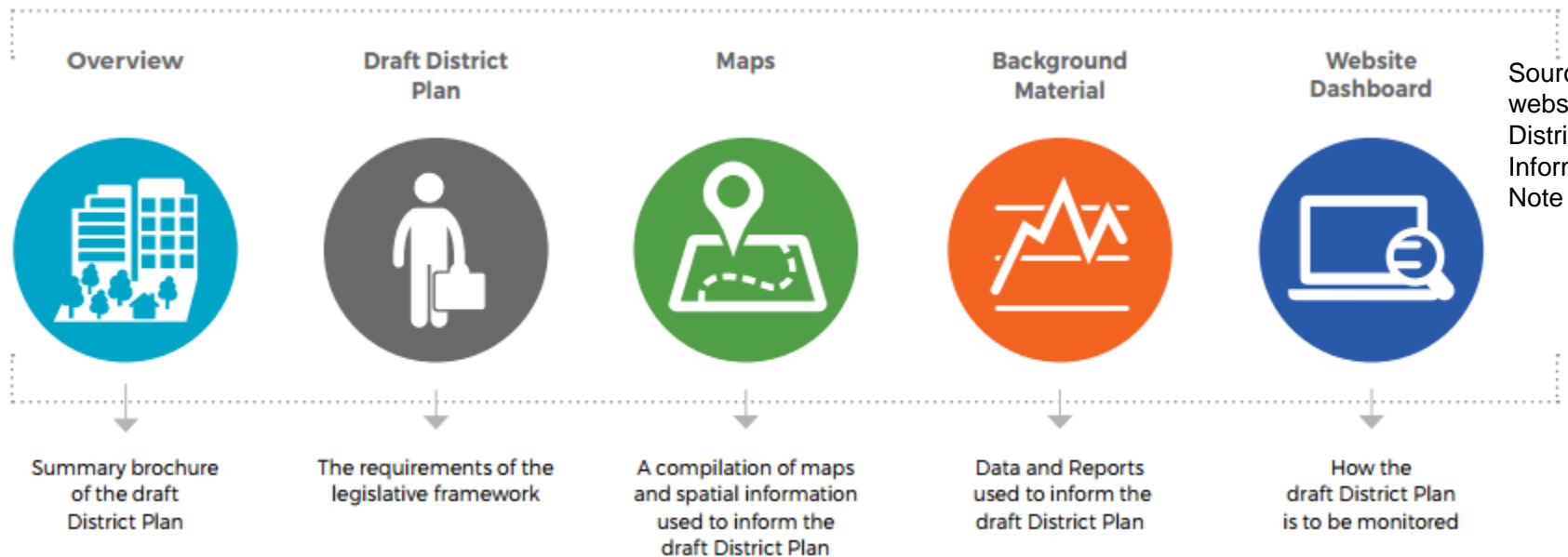
Source: Greater Sydney Commission, 2016

PART 2 – THE SIX DISTRICT PLANS



DISTRICT PLANS - STATUS

- ▶ Strategic, Separate and Statutorily recognised
- ▶ District Plans detail:
 - » Planning priorities and actions to achieve objectives
 - » A 20-year vision for the District



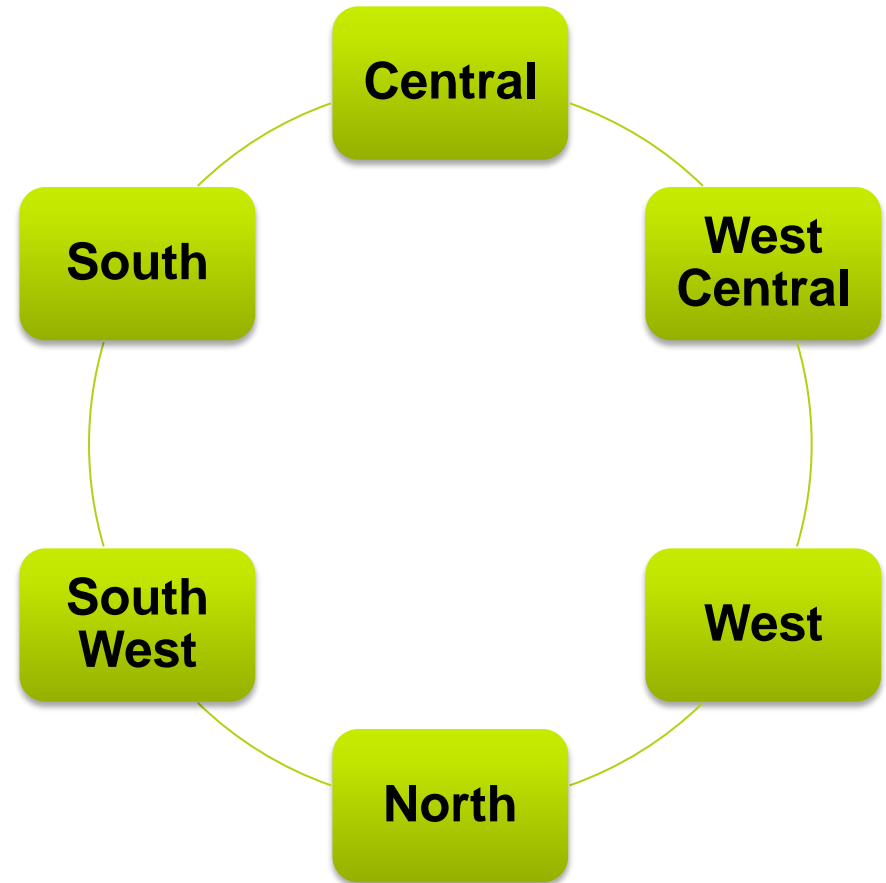
Source: GSC website - Draft District Plan Information Note 1

DISTRICT PLANS IN THE EXISTING PLANNING REGIME

- ▶ District Plans have a strategic and complimentary role
- ▶ Provides the groundwork for a comprehensive, integrative, and streamlined planning scheme
- ▶ Councils have a statutory obligation to 'give effect' to the District Plans under the Environment Planning & Assessment Act

GIVING EFFECT TO DISTRICT PLANS - EXAMPLE: SYDNEY PLANNING PANELS (SPP)

- ▶ SPPs have replaced existing Joint Regional Planning Panels
- ▶ Each SPP will consist of local council and state representatives
- ▶ Objective of streamlining infrastructural decision-making by having regard to District and Regional Plans
- ▶ Tasked to determine regionally significant development applications and pre-Gateway (rezoning) reviews



GIVING EFFECT TO DISTRICT PLANS - EXAMPLE: GSC'S POWERS

1. Providing advice and publishing reports on performance
2. Amending and imposing requirements on a planning proposal as part of a 'gateway determination'
3. Removing local council as the 'relevant planning authority'

NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Draft District Plans and *A Plan for Growing Sydney* to be revised and finalised (Dec 2017)
- ▶ Strategic Plan for Greater Sydney Region (Dec 2017)
 - » Combines review of *A Plan for Growing Sydney*, Long Term Transport Masterplan 2012 and Rebuilding NSW - State Infrastructure Strategy 2014
- ▶ Prepare Infrastructure Priority Lists and Infrastructure Delivery Plans

QUESTIONS?



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