

**ITEM 5.2**                      **Council's Submission to the Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan 'A Plan for Growing Sydney'**

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### ISSUE

This report outlines Council's submission to the Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan '*A Plan for Growing Sydney*' on exhibition.

### RECOMMENDATION

That -

1. Council exhibit the submission (as shown in Attachment A) for a 14 day period.
2. The matter be reported to Council following the exhibition period.

### BACKGROUND

In November 2016, the Greater Sydney Commission commenced the exhibition of Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan '*A Plan for Growing Sydney*' together with Draft District Plans. The intended outcome is to set out the vision, priorities and actions for the six districts that make up the Greater Sydney Region.

Up until November 2016 and prior to the Council mergers, the former Bankstown City Council was part of the West Central District and the former Canterbury City Council was part of the South District.

In an Order published in the Government Gazette of 11 November 2016, Canterbury–Bankstown Council was placed in the South District, together with the Georges River Council and Sutherland Shire Council. Council has until March 2017 to make a submission.

### REPORT

Following a review, Council raises the following key issues that the Greater Sydney Commission should address prior to finalising the Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan '*A Plan for Growing Sydney*':

1. The Draft South District Plan reads as a traditional land use planning strategy and does not address issues such as creating great places or place making initiatives.

2. Council does not support the proposed housing target for the City of Canterbury–Bankstown (i.e. 13,250 new dwellings in the next five years) without upfront infrastructure support from the State Government.
3. Council does not support the downgrade of Bankstown and the Bankstown Airport / Milperra Specialised Centre in the centres hierarchy, and request that these centres be classified as ‘strategic centres’.
4. The Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan ‘*A Plan for Growing Sydney*’ do not identify infrastructure improvements to support population growth or the job / housing targets in the City of Canterbury–Bankstown.
5. The Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan ‘*A Plan for Growing Sydney*’ do not adequately address the need for major north–south transport improvements within the South District and to the West Central District.
6. The Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan ‘*A Plan for Growing Sydney*’ do not identify how the State Government will guide the planning for the Bankstown Airport / Milperra Specialised Centre.
7. Council does not support the Draft Medium Density Housing Code as a mechanism to increase housing capacity or accelerate the delivery of housing supply in the City of Canterbury–Bankstown.
8. The Draft South District Plan does not provide sufficient details on the delivery of the Affordable Housing Target.
9. The Draft South District Plan should identify resilience as the overarching sustainability priority for the South District and Greater Sydney Region. The resilience of cities is likely to become more important as extreme weather events increase in frequency and impact.
10. The Draft South District Plan should support and expand projects which promote advanced energy and waste management.

Attachment A outlines Council’s submission to the Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan ‘*A Plan for Growing Sydney*’.

### **Public Comment**

To further inform Council’s submission, it is proposed to make the submission available for public comment for a 14 day period. Following this period, Council would update the submission and report the matter to the March Ordinary Meeting. Council has until 31 March 2017 to make a submission.

## **POLICY IMPACT**

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The Greater Sydney Commission requires Council to consider the Draft South District Plan when preparing planning proposals. The Draft Plan will also inform the State Government’s infrastructure priorities.

As soon as practicable after the South District Plan is made, section 75A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 requires Council to review the local environmental plans to give effect to the District Plan. Council will need to monitor the delivery of the housing target and report to the Greater Sydney Commission.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

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At this stage, this matter has no financial implications for Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION** That -

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## **ATTACHMENTS** [Click here for attachment](#)

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- A. Submission to the Draft South District Plan and the Draft Amendments to the Metropolitan Plan 'A Plan for Growing Sydney'