

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement – ‘Towards 2040’

What is a LSPS?

In March 2018 the NSW Government introduced new requirements for all councils to prepare and make Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS). These statements are required to set out:

- the 20 year vision for land-use in the local area;
- the special characteristics which contribute to local identity;
- shared community values to be maintained and enhanced; and
- how growth and change will be managed into the future.

Our local government area (LGA) is one of the fastest growing within regional New South Wales and it is therefore imperative that we have a clear vision of how we will sustainably plan for our future to ensure we preserve the things we value most whilst at the same time properly managing our growth.

Why does Council need to have one?

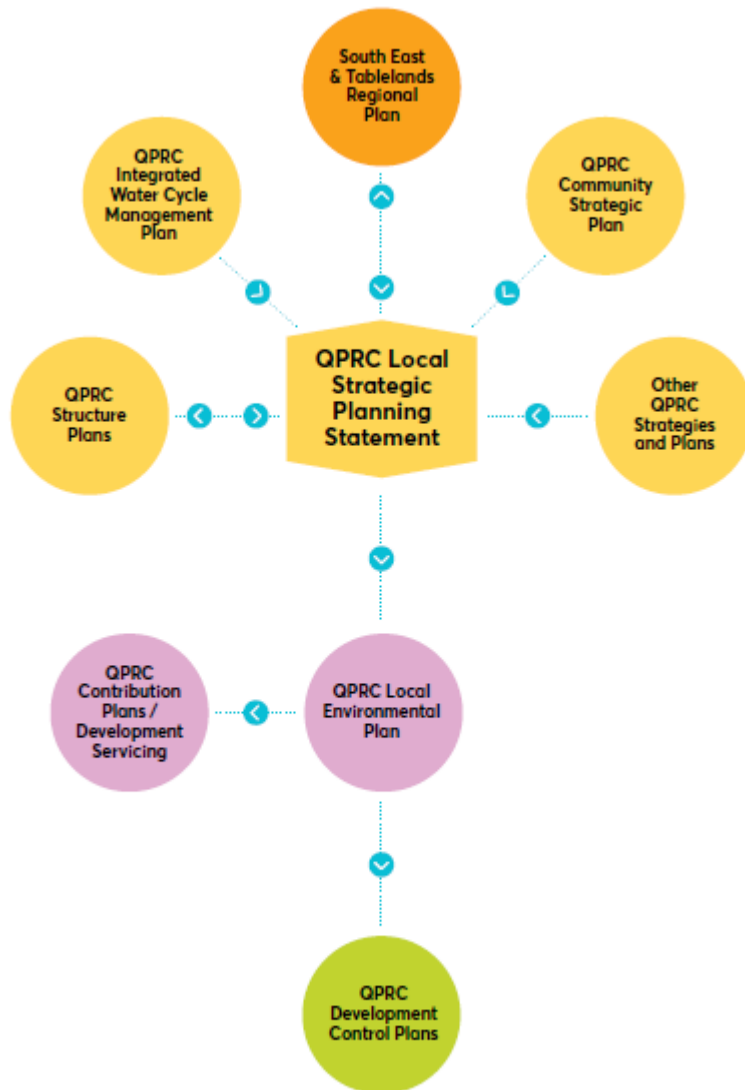
This LSPS is required by section 3.9 of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* which states in part:

1. The council of an area must prepare and make a local strategic planning statement and review the statement at least every 7 years.
2. The statement must include or identify the following:
 - a. the basis for strategic planning in the area, having regard to economic, social and environmental matters,
 - b. the planning priorities for the area that are consistent with any strategic plan applying to the area and (subject to any such strategic plan) any applicable community strategic plan under section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993*,
 - c. the actions required for achieving those planning priorities,
 - d. the basis on which the council is to monitor and report on the implementation of those actions.

How does the LSPS relate to the Local Environmental Plan and Community Strategic Plan?

The LSPS will work in concert with the *Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028* to set out the community's long-term vision and aspirations for all Council planning activities. The LSPS's visions, objectives and planning priorities then provide the rationale for how land-use decisions will be made to achieve the community's broader goals.

The directions and priorities set out in this LSPS are subsequently implemented in the council's other plans, studies and strategies such as Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans, Structure Plans and Contributions Plans as illustrated in the image below:



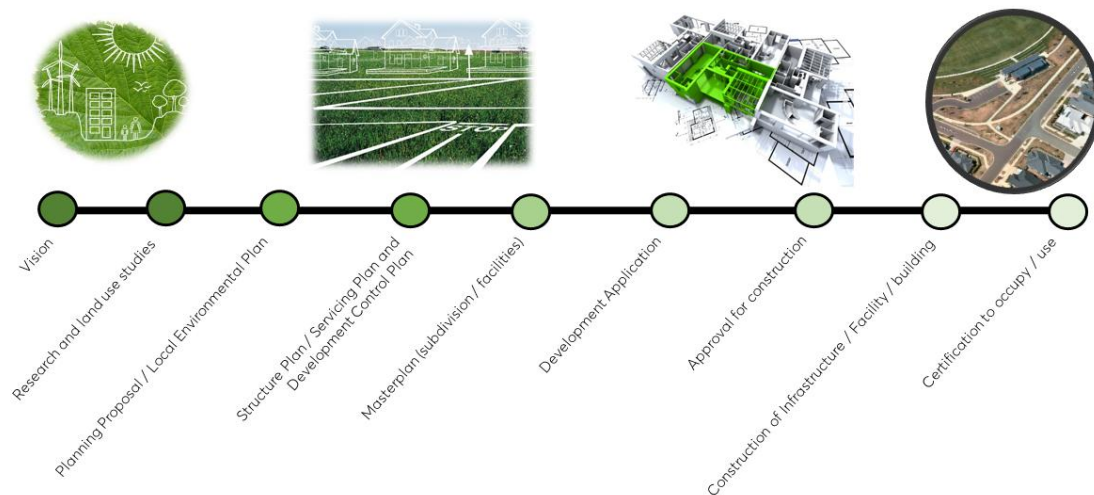
This LSPS consists of descriptions, maps, diagrams and charts which provide a broad context and direction for land-use decision-making. It is important to note that the maps provided in this LSPS do not constitute detailed planning maps but rather are indicative only. Those seeking detailed indications of land-use requirements should consult Council's local environmental plans (LEPs) and development control plans (DCPs) for more detailed planning information.

If an area is shown as residential development in the LSPS, does that mean it's approved for development?

No – areas shown in the LSPS as areas for future residential development would still be required to go through the full planning process, which is shown in the image below. The

LSPS is the first step in the process i.e. the vision.

The Planning and Development Process



How can I be involved and have my say about this LSPS?

Council will be seeking feedback from the community on the Draft LSPS (which is required to be on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days) until COB of 25 May 2020. There will be a range of opportunities for you to have your say.