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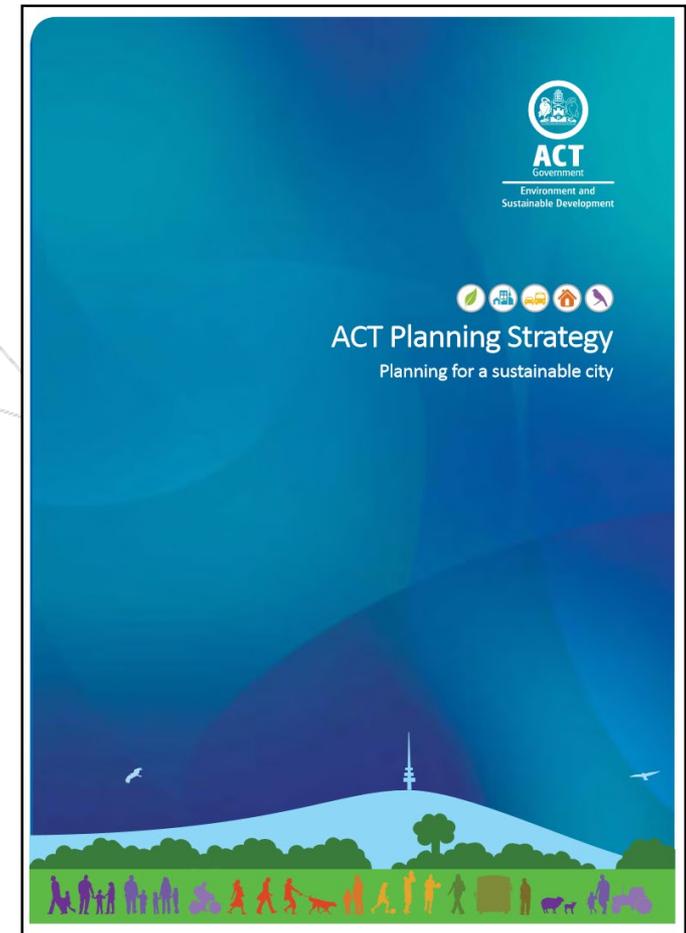
ACT PLANNING STRATEGY 2018

29 March 2019

ACT Planning Strategy - legislative requirements

In the ACT the object of planning strategy is:

...to promote the orderly and sustainable development of the ACT, consistent with the social, environmental and economic aspirations of the people of the ACT in accordance with sound financial principles



Shaping the 2018 Refresh

- ## 2012 THEMES
1. COMPACT AND EFFICIENT CITY
 2. MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT
 3. HOUSING CHOICE AND AFFORDABILITY
 4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND GROUP AND LOCAL CENTRES
 5. PUBLIC REALM
 6. BUILT FORM AND DESIGN
 7. EFFICIENCY, RESILIENCE, INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABILITY
 8. REGIONAL CONTEXT
 9. DIVERSE ECONOMY



- ## 2018 REFRESHED THEMES
1. COMPACT AND EFFICIENT CITY
 - > Canberra's urban structure > managing growth and change
 - > centres and employment hubs > density
 2. DIVERSE CANBERRA
 - > economic diversity > employment
 - > Canberra in the region > people
 3. SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT TERRITORY
 - > climate change > safety and security
 - > environment > adaptability
 4. LIVEABLE CANBERRA
 - > liveable communities > housing
 - > public realm > centres
 - > built form and design
 5. ACCESSIBLE CANBERRA
 - > accessible city and centres > transport and movement
 - > services and facilities

Input to the Planning Strategy Refresh



Research and Evidence

- Greenfield and infill development - Comparative cost study
 - Established the comparative cost advantages of infill over greenfield development
 - Infill development can be up to three times more cost efficient
 - Findings are consistent with other jurisdictions
- Living infrastructure study
 - Investigated potential impacts of urban intensification on living infrastructure
 - Explored potential planning mechanism to manage impacts on living infrastructure
- Census 2016
 - Strong evidence base for facts, trends and disruptors to understand and respond to change in the ACT



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SETTING THE SCENE – TRENDS, DRIVERS & DISRUPTORS

FACTS, TRENDS AND DISRUPTORS

POPULATION



Our current population is **416,000 PEOPLE**



2.15% GROWTH IN 2017
(national average of 1.59%)



Our population is expected to reach **500,000 BY 2030**



Our population is expected to reach **589,000 BY 2041**



SINCE 2012, our population has **INCREASED BY 36,000** people



WE HAVE AN AGEING POPULATION. Canberra's current median age is 35 and predicted to increase to 39 by 2045. More than 12% of our population is aged 65 or over, with that figure expected to more than double by 2062.



FACTS, TRENDS AND DISRUPTORS

HOUSING

The ACT housing breakdown is as follows:



170,000 PRIVATE HOMES

These include:



65% LOW DENSITY DWELLINGS
comprising
separate houses



18% MEDIUM DENSITY DWELLINGS
including semi-detached, row, terrace and town houses and flats or units attached to a house



17% HIGH DENSITY DWELLINGS
including flats, units and apartments in one or more storey buildings.



Our housing options are becoming more diverse. Since 2011, **18,066** homes have been built in a mix of **MEDIUM AND HIGH DENSITY**.



55% OF HOUSEHOLDS have 2 or fewer people, with a 125% increase in single person households from 1991 to 2016.

FACTS, TRENDS AND DISRUPTORS

JOBS

ACT districts and cross-border employment distribution



In 2016 the ACT workforce:

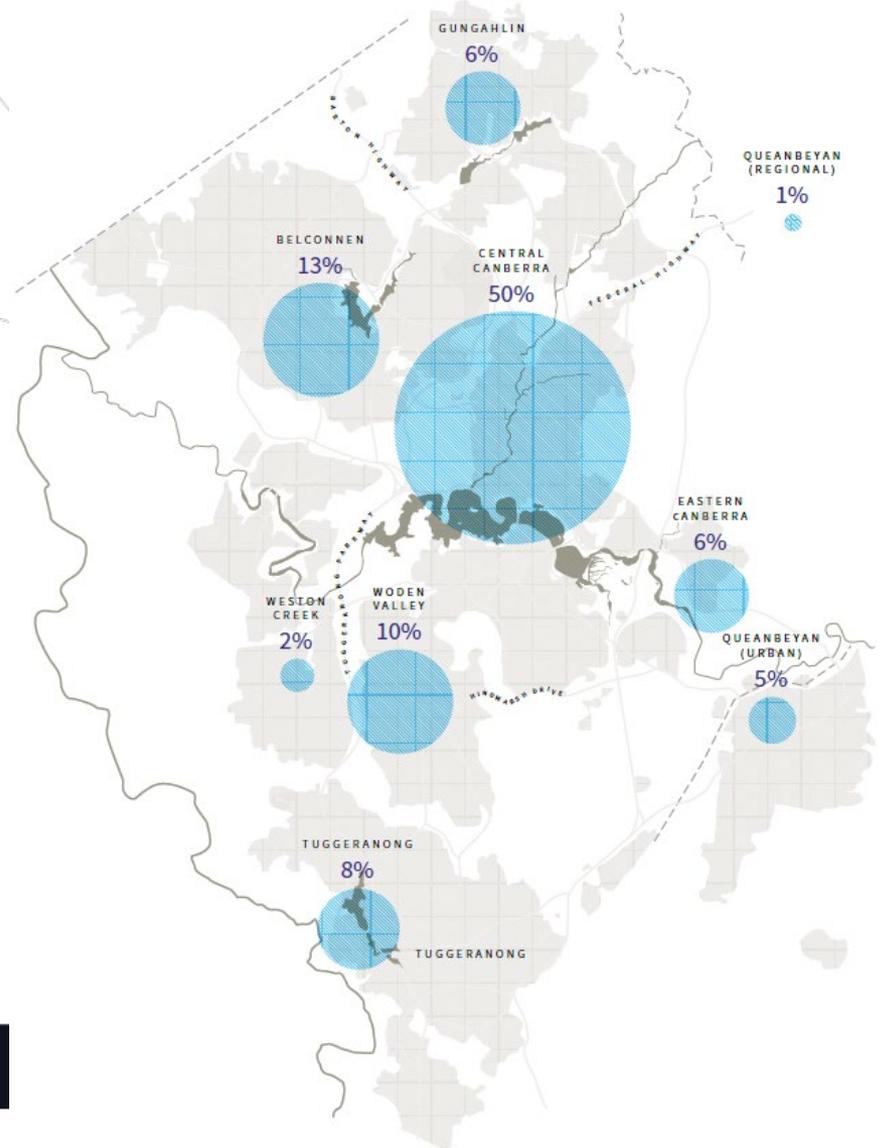
- 87% live in the ACT
- 12% live in NSW
- 1% live in VIC



**21,000+ NEW JOBS
CREATED 2012-2017**



**IN 2016, WE HAD MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$107,640**



FACTS, TRENDS AND DISRUPTORS

URBAN FOOTPRINT



372,600M² URBAN AREA

57% increase between 1991–2016



Area of **PARKS AND RESERVES**
in the ACT 2,358 KM²



Canberra has the **SECOND LOWEST DENSITY** of the Australian capital cities. Population density is 1062 people/km² - almost half of the density of Sydney at 2000 people/km².



Between 2012-2017, 74% of urban renewal development was around key town and group centres and along rapid public transit ways.

On average between 2011-2017, 63% of all residential building approvals in the ACT were in urban intensification areas – achieving the 2012 Planning Strategy policy of 50%.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement

- 13 weeks - June to September 2018
- Involved more than 640 community and industry representatives
- Built on recent community feedback from conversations on housing, climate change and transport
- Innovative approach to consultation - live streaming and interactive Q&A sessions and provided the opportunity for concurrent analysis, policy development and community engagement activities

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

911
Quick Poll votes

208
Speaker Series audience (in person)

315
Speaker Series audience (interactive live stream)

675
Community priority votes

90
Registered workshop attendees

90
Workshop booklets distributed

50
Planning in the Pub guests

3
Social media videos

35
Social media posts

15,775
Social media reach

3806
Your Say unique visits

5489
Your Say total visits



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Some key issues raised during engagement:

- Support protection of environment landscape qualities
- Growth – infill over expansion
- Infill – but high quality design
- Changes to centres
- Sustainability
- Innovation & diversity
- Liveability – with services and facilities





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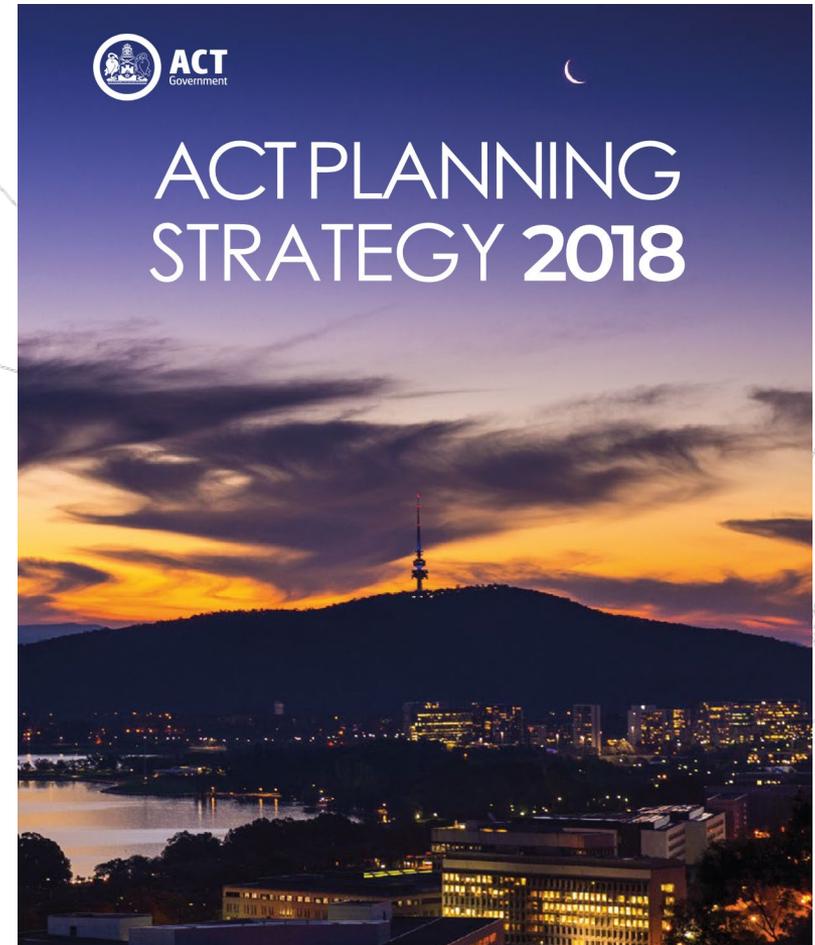
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POLICY PLAN

ACT Planning Strategy 2018 - Vision

Vision

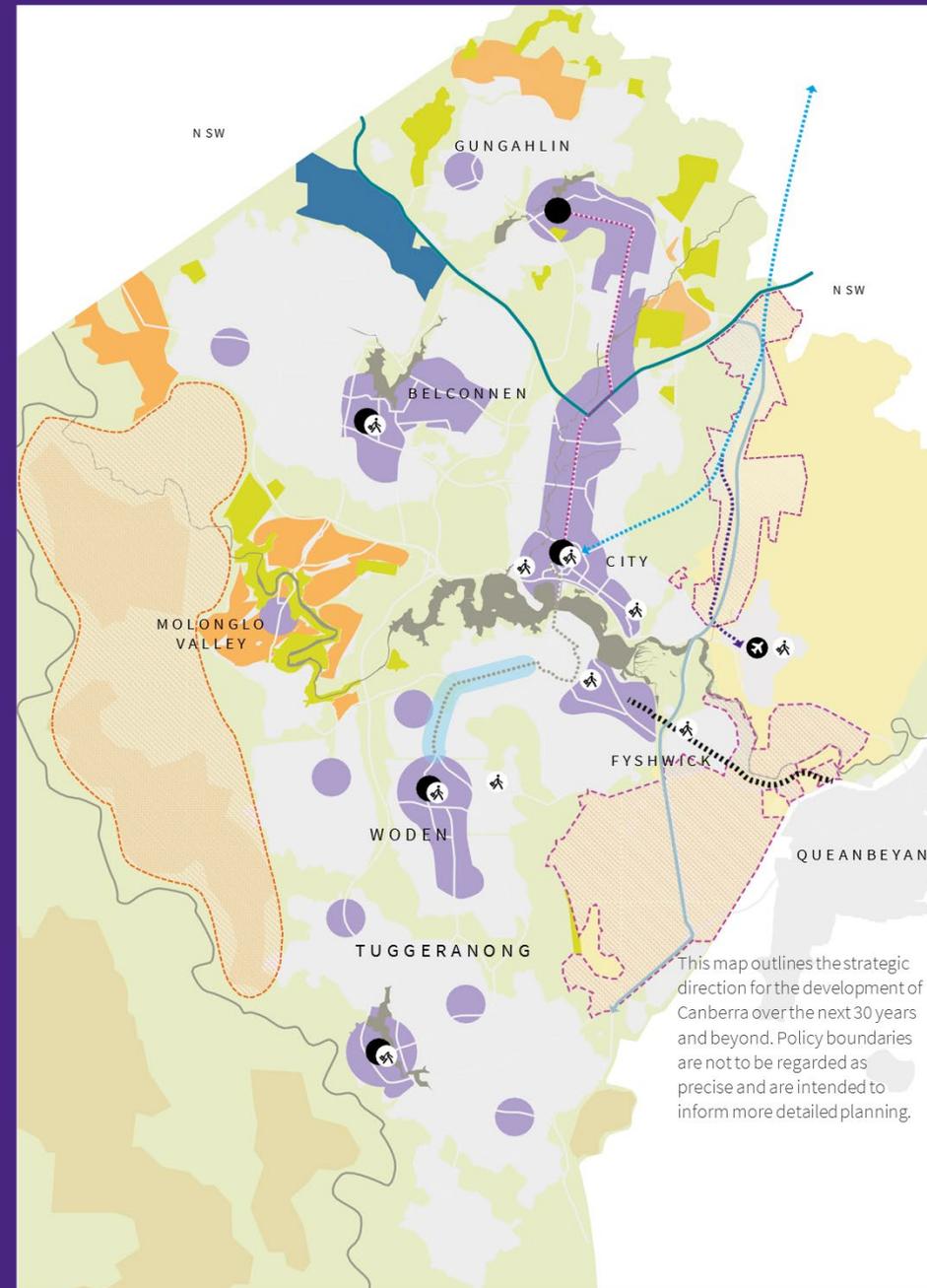
To be a **sustainable, competitive** and **equitable** city that respects Canberra's unique legacy as a city in the landscape and the National Capital, while being responsive to the future and resilient to change

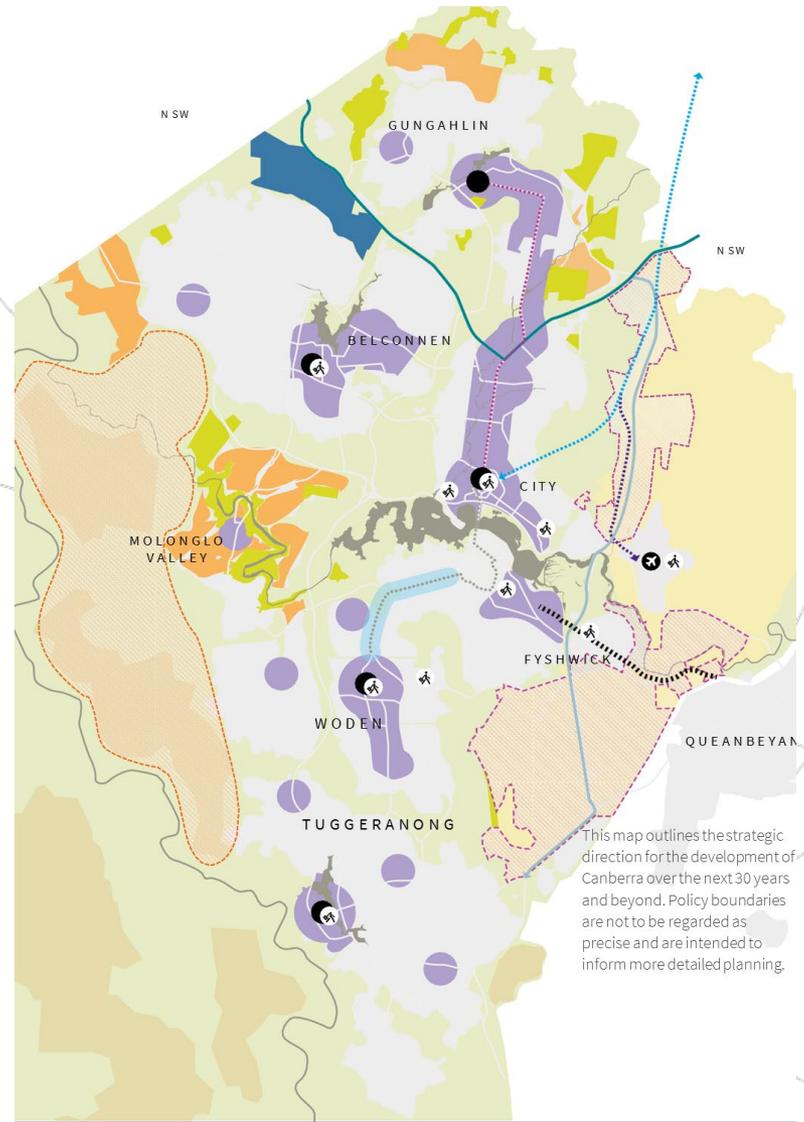
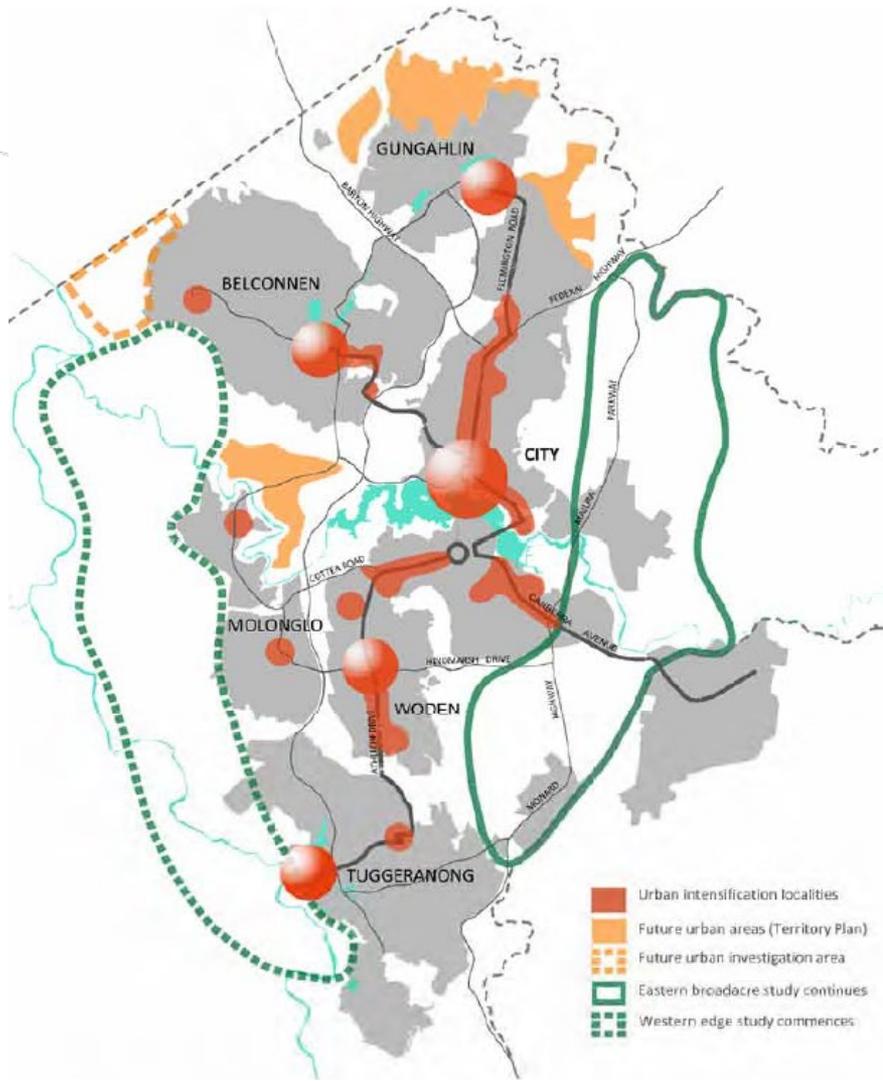


Future directions for a sustainable, competitive and equitable city

POLICY PLAN

-  National Freight Route Tier 1
-  National Freight Route Tier 2
-  High Speed Rail Phase 2 (2013) alignment
-  High Speed Rail alternative alignment
-  Canberra to Sydney Railway line
-  Key Employment Clusters (by number of jobs)
-  Town Centres
-  Eastern Broadacre Area
-  Environmental Offsets
-  Western Edge Investigation Area
-  Possible Future Urban Expansion
-  Nature Reserves and Hills, Ridges and Buffer areas
-  Urban Intensification Localities
-  Light Rail (Civic to Woden) Land Use Investigation Area
-  Remaining Greenfield Areas
-  Rural Areas
-  Urban Areas
-  Broadacre Areas





This map outlines the strategic direction for the development of Canberra over the next 30 years and beyond. Policy boundaries are not to be regarded as precise and are intended to inform more detailed planning.

THEMES

1

Compact and Efficient City

- Grow mostly within our urban footprint or in areas close to our footprint
- Maintain environmental values
- Use infrastructure effectively to support an efficient, sustainable and liveable city

2

Diverse Canberra

- Celebrate our culture, uniqueness and difference
- Be innovative and continue to diversify
- Support a city structure that strengthens our economy, and the economy of the region

3

Sustainable and Resilient Territory

- Adapt to a changing climate and establish resilience in our built forms, infrastructure and natural assets
- Look after natural resources
- Support the transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2045

4

Liveable Canberra

- Create cohesive communities through good design, amenity and connectivity
- Be socially and culturally inclusive
- Support housing diversity for greater choice

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Accessible Canberra

- Provide equitable access to all that the city has to offer
- Include more options to move around in a connected and fair city
- Better integrate land use and transport planning

Compact and Efficient City

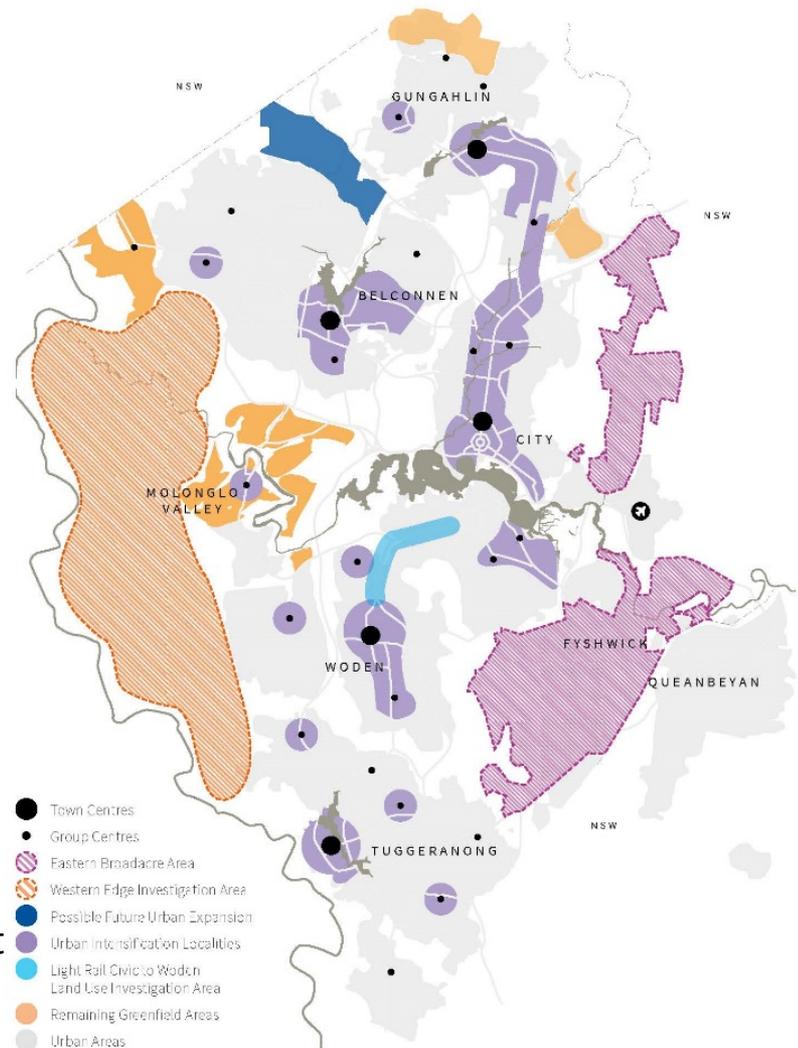
- Continues 2012 ACT Planning Strategy approach
- Major changes - light rail network, urban renewal, commitment to a carbon neutral future → further opportunity for a compact and efficient city.
- c100,000 homes required 2018 - 2041
- Continued urban expansion - pressure on landscape setting and demand for physical and social infrastructure.

Key Strategic Directions:

- up to 70% of new housing in existing urban footprint, including:
 - urban intensification areas (centres, transit corridors)
 - areas within the existing residential footprint
 - areas close to local centres

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MAP 6. GROWTH MAP



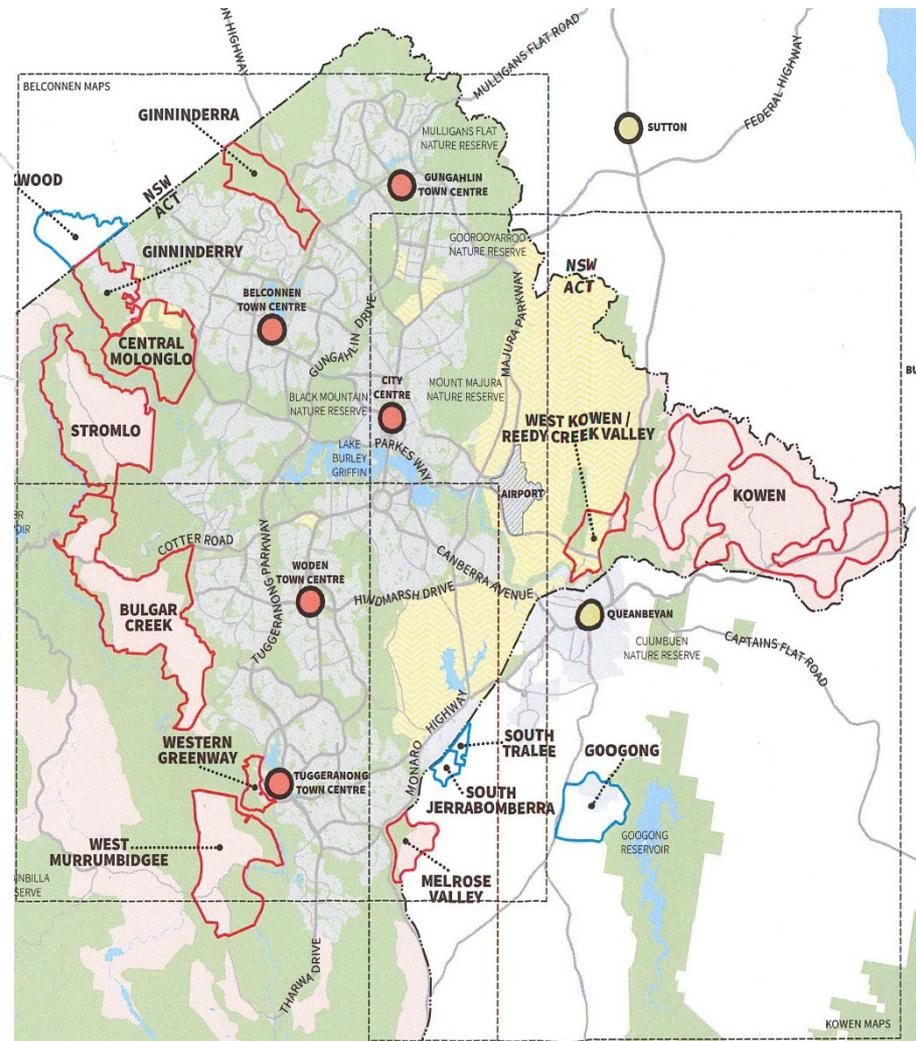
Compact and Efficient City

Investigate the potential for new residential areas in the west of the city:

- potential urban areas
- nature reserves
- environmental offsets
- other uses eg: broadacre, major infrastructure

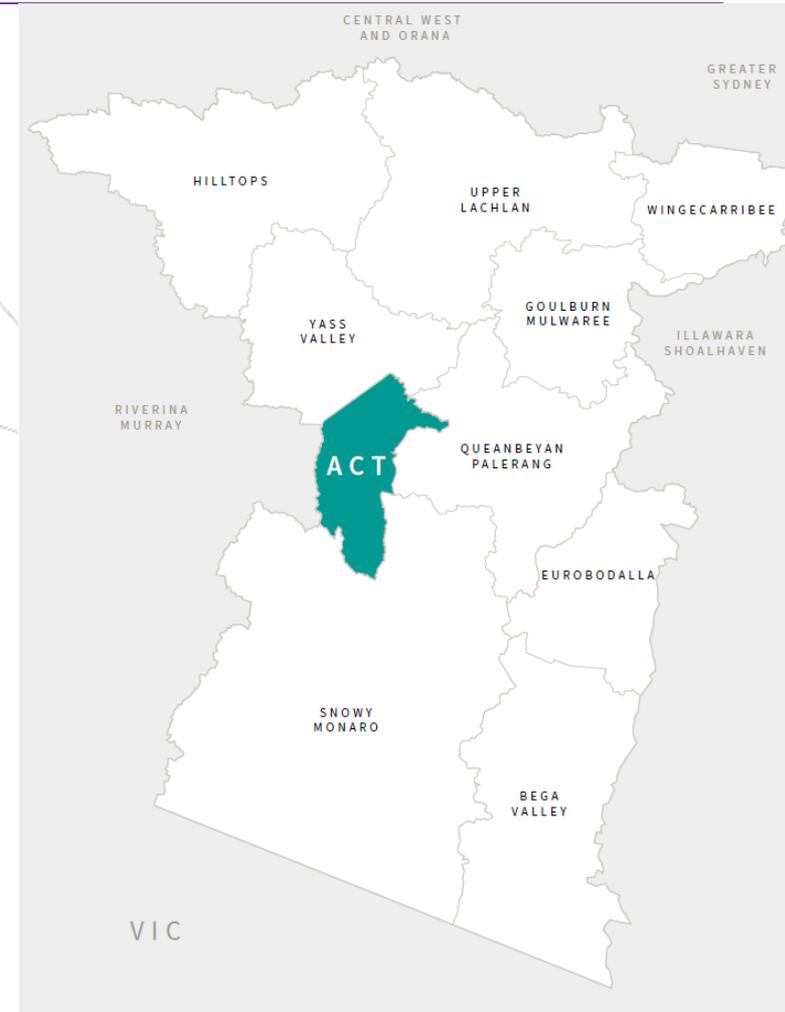
Identification of the western edge followed consideration of ACT-wide opportunities for growth, examining:

- location
- physical attributes
- infrastructure



Compact and Efficient City

- Growing relationship with the region – housing, transport, employment & services.
- Continue to work with the NSW Government and councils to understand and manage growth:
 - progress joint actions in the South East Tablelands Regional Plan (NSW Gov)
 - collaborate - Canberra Region Joint Organisation
 - adequate buffer areas between the ACT and NSW
- Cross border transport and freight – Transport Strategy.

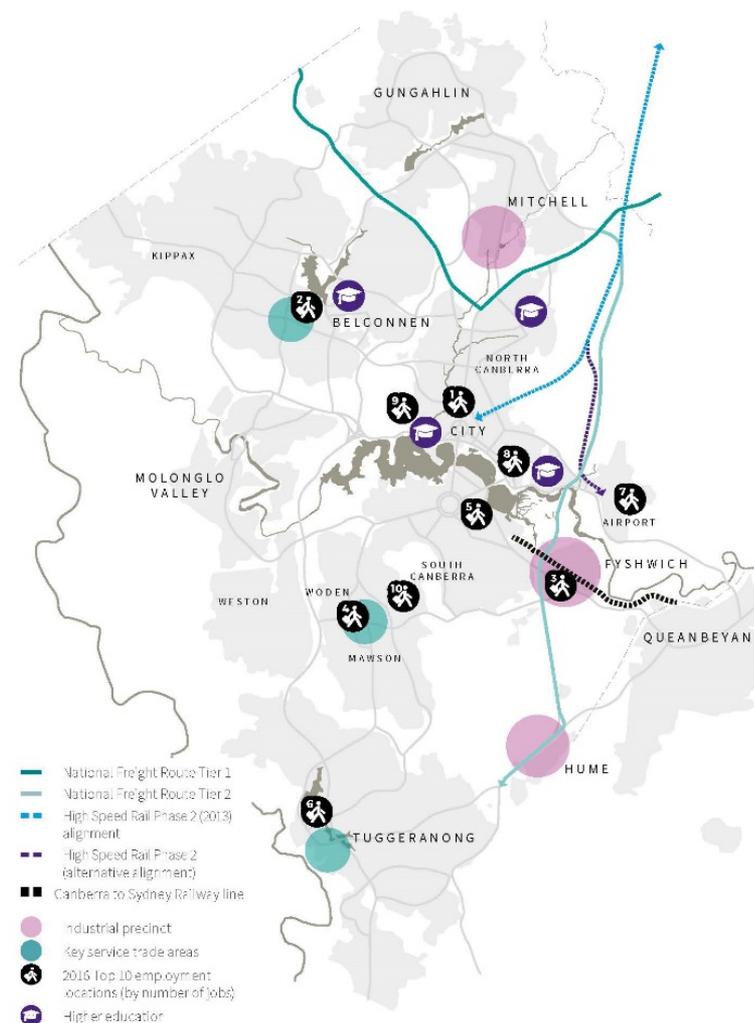


MAP 8. THE CANBERRA REGION

Diverse Canberra

- Economic and demographic diversity – contributes to liveability of the ACT.
- 2012 Strategy – need to diversify the economy.
- Opportunities to expand the knowledge economy, diversify employment and encourage innovation.
- Factors/ disruptors:
 - changing role of centres
 - pressures on our industrial areas
 - need to improve the city centre
- Continued supply of commercial and industrial land in strategic locations is important.
- We need to undertake analysis to understand the factors affecting employment location.

MAP9. EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS AND KEY FREIGHT ROUTES



Diverse Canberra

Key Strategic Directions:

- review centres hierarchy policy
- improve the character of the city centre
- recognise and protect industrial and service trade areas
- plan for adequate employment land in strategic locations
- protect and enhance infrastructure that supports economic development (eg: high speed rail, airport, freight routes)

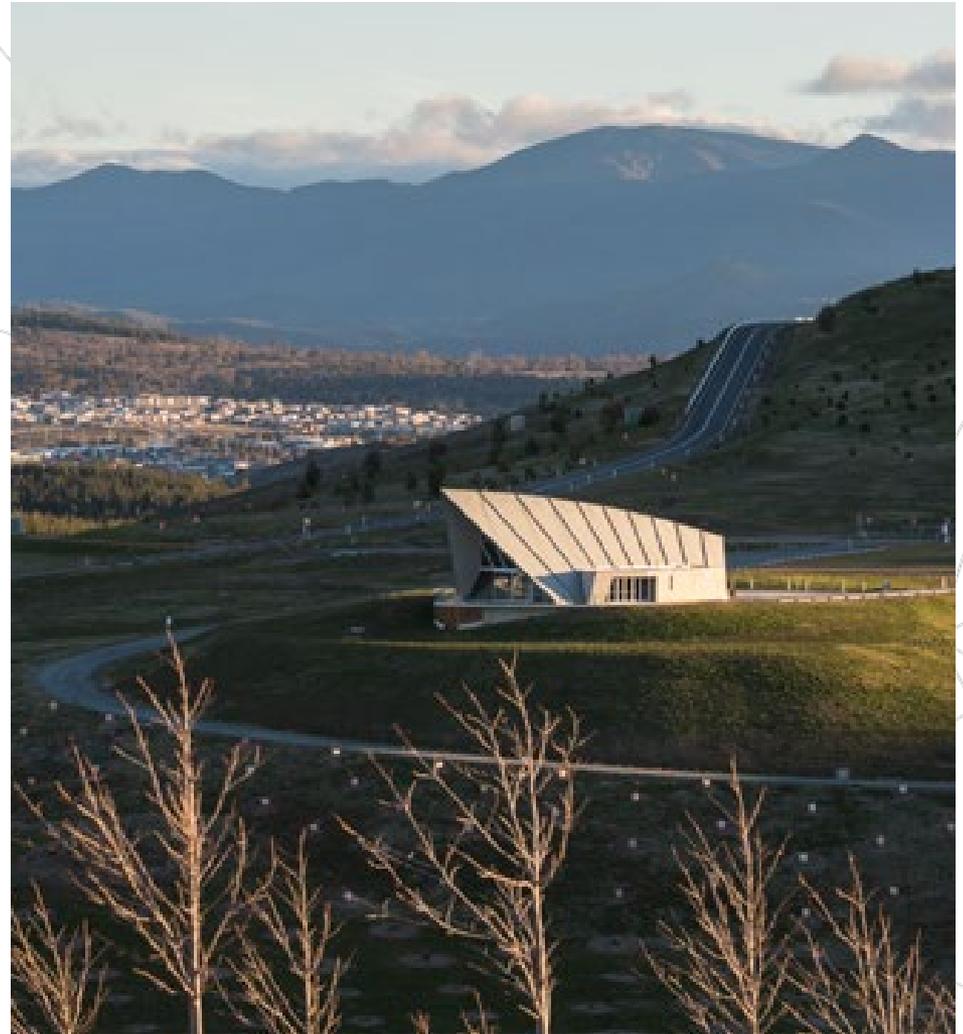
Airport - infrastructure asset and hub for business.

- expanding and multi-faceted role
- National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF)
- land uses around the airport – plan for complementary uses
- freight – support the road network
- work with the Airport to examine the potential for a freight hub or hubs in the region

Sustainable and Resilient Territory

Key Strategic Directions:

- Transition to a net zero emissions city
- Reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and adapt to climate change
- Integrate living infrastructure and sustainable design



Sustainable and Resilient Territory



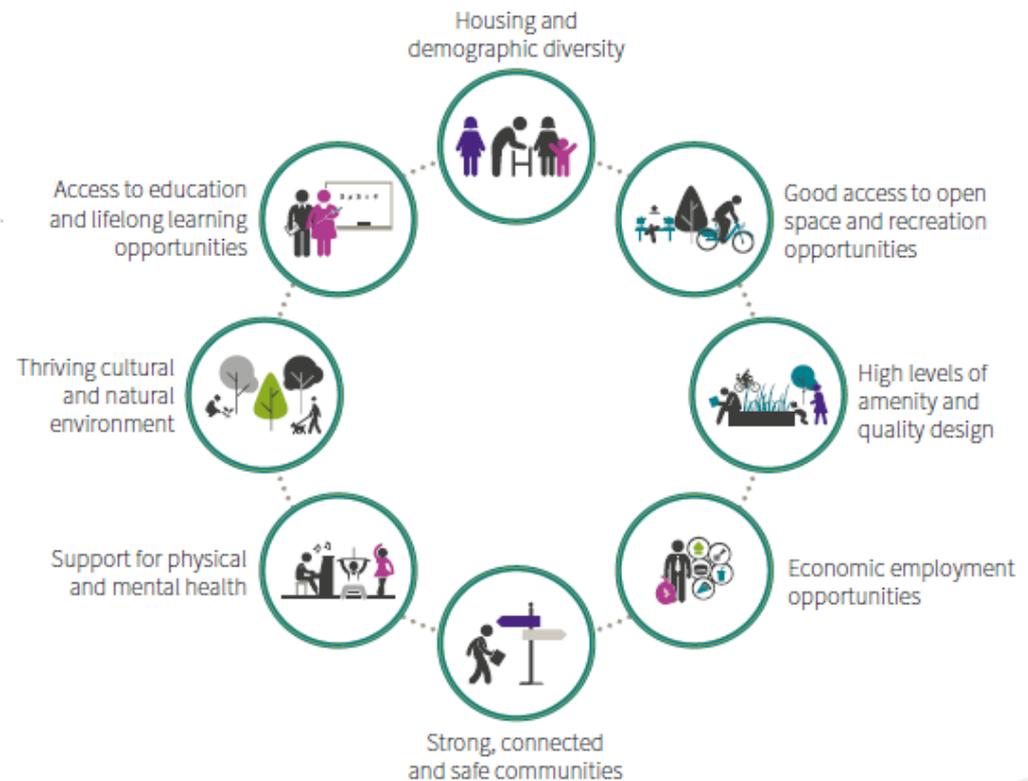
Key Strategic Directions:

- Plan for integrated water cycle management and WSUD
- Protect biodiversity and enhance habitat connectivity
- Reduce waste and improve resource efficiency

Liveable Canberra

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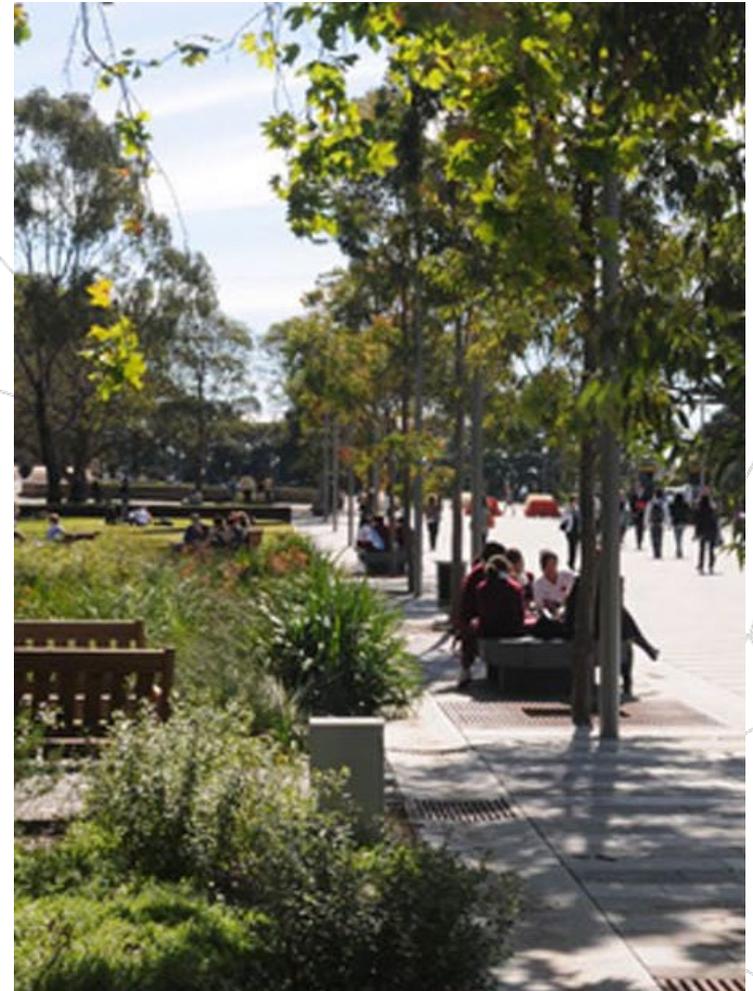
- Social infrastructure that meets community needs now and future
- Recreation, open (green) space and public spaces - support social interaction and engagement, physical and mental health
- Focus on strengthening neighbourhoods - support diverse character by creating strong local activity hubs



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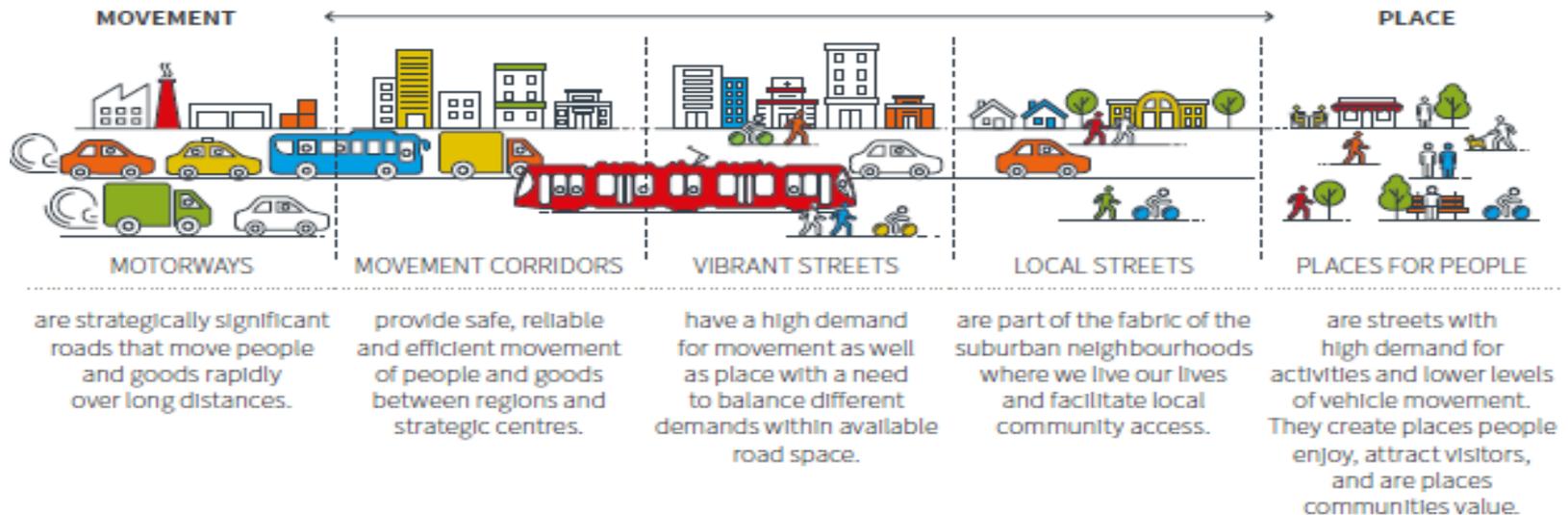
- Housing that is diverse and affordable to support a liveable city
- Focus on high quality design, built form and places for a changing climate



Accessible Canberra

Key Strategic Directions:

- Accessibility - everyone easily and safely accessing jobs, service and facilities and moving around in a variety of ways
- Better integrating transport and land use – linking with Draft Moving Canberra
- Movement and Place Framework underpins the future direction



Accessible Canberra

Key Strategic Directions:

- Focus on an integrated transport network in Urban Intensification Areas – Town and group centres and corridors
- Support active travel office – better experience for walking and cycling
- Parking policy review to compliment broad accessibility and transport policy





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IMPLEMENTATION

District Level Planning

- Territory Plan Review 2019 – opportunity to implement
- Bridges the gap between ACT-wide and local area planning
- Builds upon, and expands the master plans to deliver the ACT Planning Strategy
- Will establish policy and implementation actions at a district scale
- Opportunity to recognise the distinctive characters of districts
- Districts for initial focus: Belconnen, Gungahlin, Molonglo Valley, North Canberra, South Canberra, Tuggeranong, Weston Creek, Woden Valley





Next steps

- Implementation and coordination of actions set out in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018
 - Current studies to inform principles for urban intensification
 - Urban form analysis
 - Physical infrastructure capacity and needs
 - Social infrastructure capacity and needs
- Key work that Planning Strategy will inform and align with:
 - review of the Territory Plan
 - Land Release Program
 - Infrastructure Plan
 - Moving Canberra: Transport Strategy
 - Climate Change Strategy
 - ACT Housing Strategy
 - City Plan implementation – planning and renewal
 - South East and Tablelands Regional Plan (NSW DPE)



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QUESTIONS