



What is the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan?

The Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan ('the Draft Transport Plan') outlines the strategic framework for how Transport for NSW (Transport) is planning for changes in land use, population, and travel demand across the region over the next 20 years.

It provides a long-term transport vision for the region and outlines the initiatives required to support future growth and development.

Why do we need a Regional Transport Plan for the South East and Tablelands region?

The South East and Tablelands region is expected to change significantly over the next 20 years.

The Draft Transport Plan provides a blueprint for how to respond to the region's future transport needs, with initiatives centred on improved safety, connectivity, liveability, service continuity, resilience, sustainability, and accessibility.

Some of the changes that will shape the way people and goods travel throughout the region include:

- Changes to the region's population and demographic profiles. This will create different communities with different transport requirements.
- Continued growth of regional centres will strengthen the connection with Greater Sydney and Canberra. Greater transport connectivity will support this growth and the opportunities it represents, particularly for employment, businesses, and the economy.
- Growth of regional communities will benefit from improved connectivity throughout the region, providing greater access to employment and key services.

- Increases in the volume of freight moving through the region will create greater demand for road and rail networks that can move goods safely and efficiently.

How was the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan developed?

The Draft Transport Plan was developed through formal engagement with key stakeholders from around the region to make sure it is relevant to the area.

Stakeholders engaged during development of the Draft Transport Plan included representatives from all nine councils across the South East and Tablelands region, relevant NSW and ACT Government agencies, the Canberra Region Joint Organisation, Aboriginal community representatives, and key industry and peak body group representatives.

Engagement with stakeholders included formal and informal workshops to inform the transport vision for the region, identify key themes and values, and flag current and future challenges and opportunities for investigation.

Stakeholder engagement will continue for the 20-year life of the plan as initiatives are implemented and the plan is reviewed.

How does the Draft Transport Plan link in with other planning happening for the region?

The Draft Transport Plan has been developed in close partnership with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) as they simultaneously update their South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2041 ('the Regional Plan'). Both plans are closely aligned and aim to deliver initiatives that will benefit the region into the future.

The Regional Plan provides vision and direction to support the ongoing prosperity and growth of the region, particularly concerning planning and land use decisions over the next 20 years.

The Draft Transport Plan is a blueprint for the future that will transform how people and goods travel throughout the region. It focuses on active and public transport, the safety and accessibility of the transport network, and sustainability.

The Draft Transport Plan also responds to the NSW Government's target of net zero emissions by 2050 and seeks to accelerate the transition of the transport sector to a low emissions future.

Both plans are aligned with the Future Transport Strategy which sets out the 40-year vision, directions, outcomes, and framework for customer mobility in NSW.

What is the benefit to the community?

The Draft Transport Plan identifies initiatives to improve regional transport connectivity, safety, and productivity.

These improvements will deliver benefits such as:

- Safer, more reliable, and more efficient connections between different modes of transport linking the region, Canberra, Greater Sydney, and Wollongong.
- Improved safety for all transport users, which will move the transport network closer 'Towards Zero' and eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes by 2050.
- Increased freight productivity on the road and rail network, boosting businesses, and the economy.
- Support and encouragement of low emissions technology to help reduce the impact to climate change.

- Transport technology that supports safer, more efficient, and more accessible trips.
- Improved infrastructure and public transport services which will make walking, cycling, and public transport realistic options for more people across the region.
- Greater housing choices and more jobs through the support of growth and land use changes across the region.
- Less network and service disruptions during natural disasters or bad weather, due to improved network management systems and technologies that are more resilient to the impacts of climate change.
- Transport networks that enhance the quality, liveability, accessibility, and amenity of the public spaces they interact with.
- Greater focus on high levels of customer service that keep communities engaged and informed about transport activities in their area.
- A stronger regional economy through the transport network's support of growing industries and employment areas.

What Local Government Areas does the Draft Transport Plan cover?

The Draft Transport Plan covers the Local Government Areas of Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Snowy Monaro, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee, and Yass Valley.

When will the initiatives in the Draft Transport Plan be delivered?

The initiatives identified in the Draft Transport Plan respond to the challenges identified for the region. While some initiatives are already in the delivery or planning phases, new initiatives will be staged over the next 20 years.

Feedback captured from stakeholders and the community will be used to refine and finalise the Draft Transport Plan and the timing of initiatives. Transport for NSW will provide status updates every 12 months, and the Transport Plan will be refreshed every five years.

Will the Draft Transport Plan address travel congestion across the South East and Tablelands region?

The Draft Transport Plan has been developed to respond to changes in population, land use in the region and long-term transport needs.

It identifies transport initiatives that will improve the safety and efficiency of the road network, increase walking and cycling access and deliver better public transport connectivity.

The Draft Transport Plan's vision includes strategies such as increasing multimodal transport options, which will work to ease congestion by reducing reliance on private vehicles.

How does the Draft Transport Plan address climate change impacts?

The Draft Transport Plan recognises the NSW Government's target of net zero emissions by 2050 and identifies initiatives to support the transition of the transport network and NSW Government's fleet to lower emission technologies.

This includes supporting the use of clean energy fuel sources for vehicles and increasing public and active transport options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector.

The Draft Transport Plan embraces the use of technology to reduce the need to travel. It also looks at ways to make our transport network more resilient to the effects of extreme weather conditions and natural disasters

caused by climate change.

As part of Transport's vision for a more sustainable future, our transport network will continue to support the region's production of alternative energy, including wind and solar farms.

What feedback are you seeking for the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan?

We are asking stakeholders and communities the following questions:

1. Are there issues, ideas or initiatives that are not covered in the Draft Transport Plan that you think should be included?
2. Are some topics and initiatives in the Draft Transport Plan more important than others?
3. Do you support the transport vision, objectives and initiatives outlined in the Draft Transport Plan?

The feedback we receive will help refine the Final Plan.

When will the Draft Transport Plan be finalised?

The project team will aim to finalise the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan in late 2022 with the Final Plan expected to be released in 2023.

How will consultation be undertaken?

Transport wants to hear from as many people as possible and understands that accessibility and time restraints are different for everyone. We also acknowledge the impact of COVID-19 when it comes to public gatherings and accessibility. To that end, we are providing a number of options for people to provide feedback on the Draft Transport Plan.

Consultation will be carried out via social media, digital and written advertising. Briefings will be provided to key stakeholders, as requested, and there are also plans to hold online community information sessions.

Transport for NSW will continue to follow NSW Health advice regarding health and safety in the COVID-19 environment.

How can I provide feedback on the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan?

Stakeholders and communities are encouraged to provide their feedback on the Draft South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan via:

- Our project webpage at [https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/\(futuretransport\)](https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/(futuretransport))
- By email at **southeasttablelandsRTP@transport.nsw.gov.au**
- By mail to *Transport for NSW, South East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan Project Team, Level 4, 90 Crown Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500.*