

HPS Outlook

Central Coast Region Part 1

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The Central Coast region's future will be guided by the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 (CCRP), which maps out the region's future growth over the next 20 years. The CCRP covers Central Coast local government area (LGA) which was previously known as Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council.

The plan is based on four goals to ensure the region grows and prospers by 2036.

The plan is shown in **Figure 1**

Goal 1: A prosperous Central Coast with more jobs close to home.

Goal 2: Protect the natural environment and manage the use of agricultural and resource lands.

Goal 3: Well-connected communities and attractive lifestyles.

Goal 4: A variety of housing choice to suit needs and lifestyles.

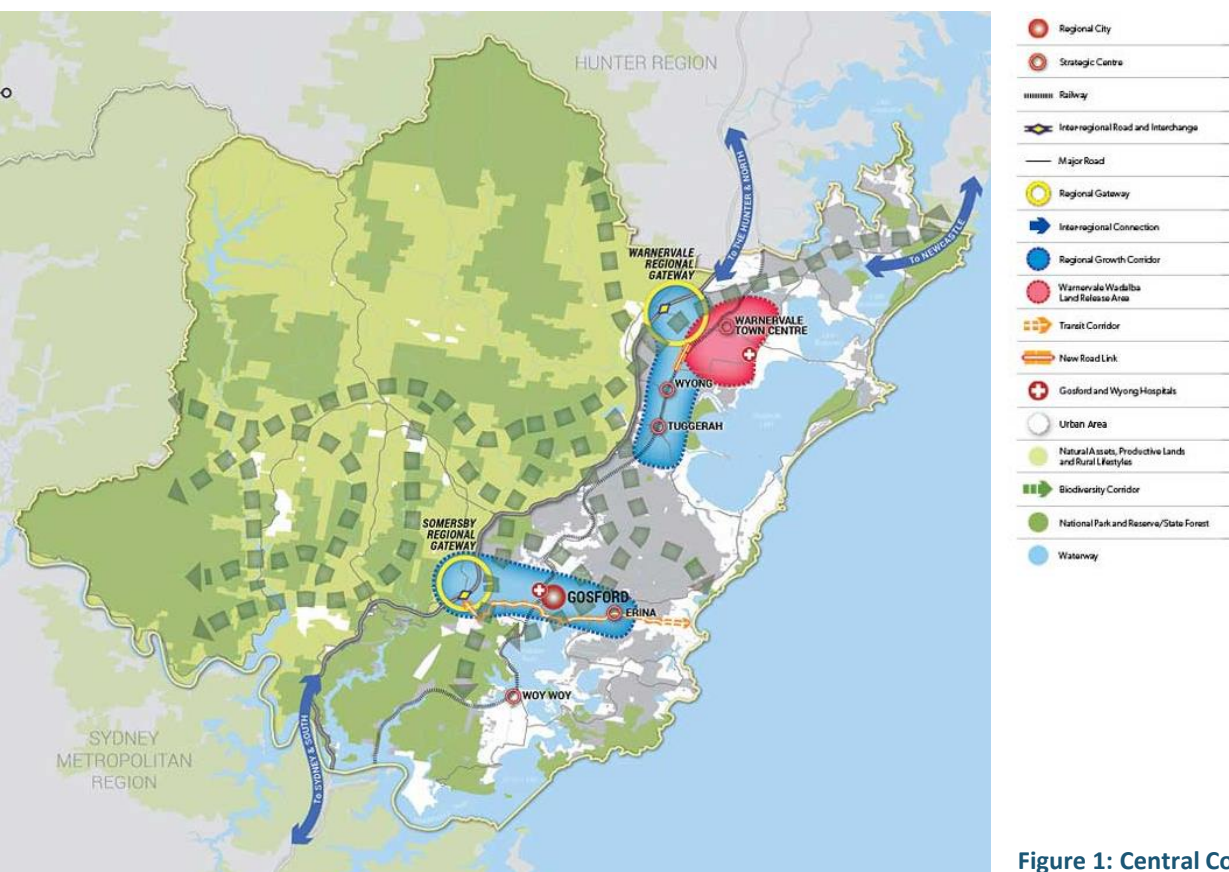


Figure 1: Central Coast 2036

Source: NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Central Coast Regional Plan 2036



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The CCRP is comprised of two growth corridors:

- Northern Growth Corridor: Tuggerah to Warnervale.
- Southern Growth Corridor: Somersby to Erina.

The Government has increased investment into health, education, advanced manufacturing and service industries based on historical economic growth.

The region is boosted from strong connectivity infrastructure access for freight and workers, to Greater Sydney and Newcastle. This has increased productivity and employment opportunities for the region. Recently the region has seen population increase as people relocate from Greater Sydney due to the impact of COVID-19 and the growing trend of working from home.


The major centre is Gosford, which is health and education destination for the region. The Government has been undertaking a renewal of the city centre to generate jobs, support business growth, attract investment and increase population.

Over the next two decades an additional 75,500 people are expected to live across the region. This will generate a demand for 41,500 dwellings.


Part 1 will focus on the first goal of the CCRP being *A prosperous Central Coast with more jobs close to home.*



75,500
additional people by 2036



55%
of population growth
will be people aged 65
and over



41,500
additional dwellings
required by 2036



24,674
new jobs to be created



339,550
people as at 2016



415,050
people projected by 2036



23%
of employed residents
travel outside the
region for work

Source: NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Central Coast Regional Plan 2036



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Regional Plan Goal 1 – A prosperous Central Coast with more jobs close to home

Across the Central Coast, the NSW Government intend to increase employment opportunities within the region to diminish the need for residents to travel outside the area for jobs. The CCRP anticipates local jobs will grow to 141,404 jobs by 2036, representing an increase of almost 25,000 jobs.

The plan will maximise existing and new employment hubs in areas supported by infrastructure to cater for current and future demand of businesses and employees. Focus will be places on the Northern and South Growth Corridors.

There are seven directions identified for this goal as stated below:

- Direction 1** Grow Gosford City Centre as the region's capital
- Direction 2** Focus economic development in the Southern and Northern Growth Corridors
- Direction 3** Support priority economic sectors
- Direction 4** Strengthen inter-regional and intra-regional connections for business
- Direction 5** Support new and expanded industrial activity
- Direction 6** Strengthen the economic self-determination of Aboriginal communities
- Direction 7** Increase job containment in the region

Direction 1: Grow Gosford City as the region's capital

The CCRP emphasises the importance of Gosford City Centre to entice businesses, population growth leading to residential development and economic growth for the region. The NSW Government will help underpin growth by the relocation and consolidation of public sector employment to Gosford and stimulating commercial development.

Precinct planning will be implemented across Gosford City Centre to improve connectivity, enhance livability, generate opportunities and increase higher density housing supply.

The NSW Government expect health related services will expand within the health precinct surrounding Gosford Hospital.



Source: NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Central Coast Regional Plan 2036

Figure 2: Gosford City Centre



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Direction 2: Focus economic development in the Southern and Northern Growth Corridors

Almost half of all jobs in the region are based in one of the growth corridors, highlighting the important role of growth corridors now and into the future. The corridors support a diverse range of sectors including, residential, health, education, research, knowledge-based industries, professional services, sport and leisure, agribusiness, food manufacturing, high-tech manufacturing and clean technologies.

Southern Growth Corridor

The Southern Growth Corridor is defined as the area from Somersby to Erina and is connected by the Central Coast Highway.

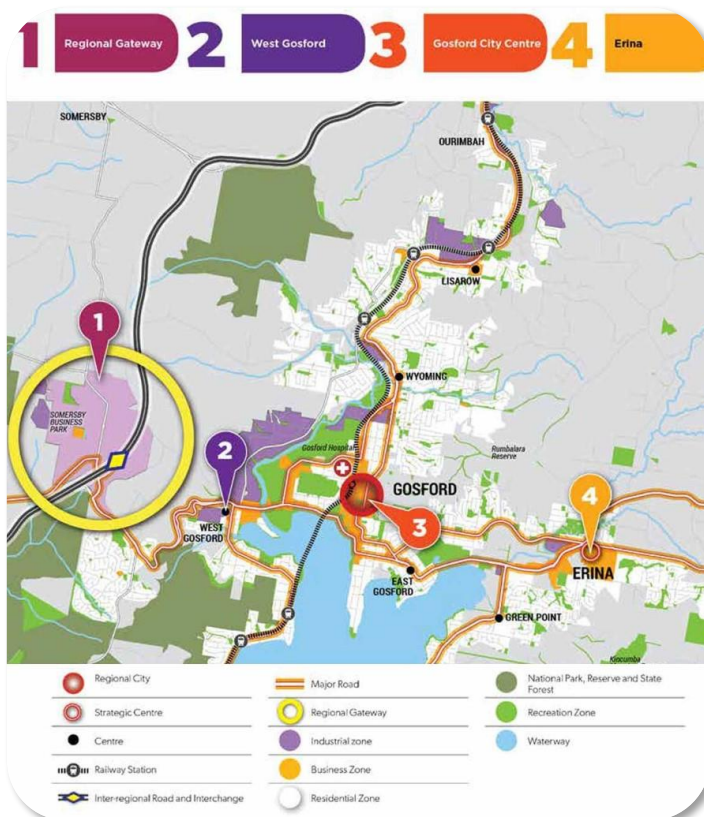
The CCRP aims to improve the connection to Gosford City Centre and boost economic growth in:

- Somersby Business Park
- Erina Commercial Precinct

Northern Growth Corridor

The Northern Growth Corridor covers from Tuggerah to Warnervale and is connected by the Pacific Highway. The CCRP states priorities for the corridor are:

- Developing complementary roles for Tuggerah;
- Connecting to and developing new growth opportunities in and around the proposed Warnervale Town Centre; and
- Responding to natural hazards which affect the area, such as flooding.



Source: NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Central Coast Regional Plan 2036

Figure 3: Southern Growth Corridor



Source: NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Central Coast Regional Plan 2036

Figure 4: Northern Growth Corridor



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By 2036, the role of Wyong will be expanded with CCRP aiming to increase civic, administrative, residential, commercial and cultural services. This will include increasing capacity of health-related services adjoining Wyong Hospital.

During this timeframe, the CCRP will guide the growth of Warnervale Town Centre as a new mixed use strategic centre and may create opportunities for new health operators.

Direction 3: Support priority economic sectors

The Plan will maximise capacity of existing and potential economic sectors that can provide local employment and attract investment to the region.

New employment lands will be concentrated in areas such as growth corridors or identified clusters which are supported by existing or new infrastructure.

Across the Central Coast region, Health and Social Assistance is the major employment sector which accounts for 17% and this trend is forecast to continue. The second highest sector is Retail trade, followed by Manufacturing and Accommodation and Food Services.

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Top 6 industry employers

	2016	2036
 Health Care & Social Assistance	17%	17%
 Retail Trade	15%	14%
 Manufacturing	9%	8%
 Accommodation & Food Services	9%	10%
 Education & Training	8%	8%
 Construction	6%	7%

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