

Our Plan, Our Future, Our Cessnock



Implementation and Action Plan

Cessnock

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

2036

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Purpose

The Cessnock Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is structured around the four themes of Liveable, Productive, Sustainable and Unique, and has 30 Planning Priorities and accompanying Planning Principles that will guide Strategic and Statutory planning matters to 2036. 72 Actions establish how Council will achieve the Planning Priorities.

In order to implement, monitor and report on the delivery of the actions contained in the LSPS a transparent, efficient and effective framework is required. The purpose of this document is to:

- collate the actions of the LSPS;
- set an indicative timeframe for completion of the action; and
- established the section of Council responsible for implementation of the action.

Monitoring and Review

Council will prepare an annual monitoring report to provide an update on the progression of the actions of the Implementation and Action Plan, as identified within the LSPS. Reporting will be undertaken using the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

Timeframes

The timeframes for implementation are defined as follows:

Intermediate	0-2 Years
Short Term	3-5 Years
Medium Term	5-10 Years
Long Term	10+ Years
Ongoing	For actions that will continue to be implemented for the lifespan of the LSPS.

Actions by Theme

The following is the complete list of Actions from the Cessnock Local Strategic Planning Statement categorised by theme and planning priority.

Table 1: Actions by Theme

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
Liveable			
Planning Priority 1			
1.	Prepare a Local Housing Strategy that– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyses local housing needs and housing preferences. Responds to the spectrum of housing types and needs across the local government area. Prioritises the delivery of infill housing within existing urban areas Meets social and affordable housing requirements for low and very low-income households. Considers the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Weston and Branxton. Considers opportunities for medium-density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
2.	Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
3.	Prepare a corridor plan for the Cliftleigh – Heddon Greta Corridor– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the area is adequately serviced and new growth is integrated with the existing residential areas. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
4.	Prepare an annual monitoring report– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To report on land and housing supply and demand. To inform when it is necessary to investigate the provision of additional land for development. 	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To permit higher density development, such as shop-top housing, in B2 Local Centre, B3 Commercial Core and B4 Mixed Use zones where considered appropriate in respect to environmental constraints. To review the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in the Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Weston and Branxton commercial centres and opportunities for medium density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor To review the zoning in urban release areas to encourage medium-density development around commercial centres and areas of high amenity. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include development controls for dual occupancy and medium-density development that maintains the neighbourhood character. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 2			
1.	Prepare a Local Housing Strategy that– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyses local housing needs and housing preferences. Responds to the spectrum of housing types and needs across the local government area. Prioritises the delivery of infill housing within existing urban areas Meets social and affordable housing requirements for low and very low-income households. Considers the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Weston and Branxton. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers opportunities for medium density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor. 		
2.	Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include development controls that encourage affordable and adaptable housing. 	Short	Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contribution framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer. 	Short	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 3			
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that there are adequate design standards for buildings in our centres. To ensure the preservation of green corridors and water sensitive urban design principles To include provisions to encourage increased place making in our centres. 	Short	Strategic Planning
8.	Review the Parking and Access Strategy for the Cessnock Commercial Centre.	Medium	Strategic Planning
9.	Continue to apply for government funding to implement the public domain works that are identified in Council's endorsed town centre strategies and masterplans.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
10.	Continue to capture development contributions and investigate alternative funding options to complete town centre public domain works.	Long	Strategic Planning
11.	Prepare a town centre place-making strategy to encourage development and investment that will increase activation, amenity and use of existing sites in our centres.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
12.	Target the Local Heritage Fund to façade improvement for heritage buildings in our centres.	Short	Strategic Planning
13.	Prepare a villages strategy that– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies key features of each village. Identifies opportunities for improvements to the public domain in each village. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
14.	Council will prepare a Local Character Study and Local Character Statement for residential land in relevant City locations	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 4			
2.	Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review minimum lot size and subdivision controls to promote higher density around urban centres, key transport nodes and along major road corridors. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure adequate guidance is provided for access requirements. To include provisions to encourage energy efficiency and greening of buildings. 	Short	Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contribution framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to the active transport works in Council's Traffic and Transport Strategy. 	Short	Strategic Planning
15.	Investigate options for a cycleway and trail through the Vineyard District.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation
16.	Prepare a Greener Places, Urban Forest Policy and Street Tree Policy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
17.	Continue to implement Council's adopted plans for access and mobility, recreation and open space, traffic and transport and community.	Ongoing	Council

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
18.	Undertake a movement and place study for our roads in major urban areas.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning • Open Space & Recreation • Infrastructure
19.	Support a place based planning approach to better guide planning and urban design outcomes for urban areas.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning • Open Space & Recreation • Infrastructure
Planning Priority 5			
2.	Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contribution framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer. • To incentivise infill development within existing urban areas. 	Short	Strategic Planning
20.	Council will continue to monitor residential land supply.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
21.	Council will continue to participate in the Hunter Urban Development Program.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 6			
2.	Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the minimum lot size and zoning requirements at Bellbird. In particular, the minimum lot size at Echidna Close and the rural zoning at Edden Street, Bellbird. • To review the land-uses in the E4 Environmental Living zone. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include criteria to guide the rezoning of land to E4 Environmental Living. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
22.	Undertake an Environmental Lands Study.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 7			
3.	Prepare a corridor plan for the Cliftleigh–Heddon Greta corridor	Immediate	Strategic Planning
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To rezone residual parcels of land from the Hunter Express Way. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contribution framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To incentivise infill development in existing urban areas. 	Short	Strategic Planning
Productive			
Planning Priority 8			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the extent and application of the RU4 Primary Production zone subject to the recommendations of the Vineyards District Discussion Paper. • To ensure that land-uses are compatible with the rural landscape. • To investigate the inclusion of all rural zones in Clause 5.3 Development near zone boundaries. To Investigate the merit of introducing a RU6 Transition zone to buffer rural and environmental zones.	Short	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure objectives and controls appropriately reflect the different character areas within the Vineyards District. • To ensure higher risk, non-agricultural land-uses are managed appropriately. • To introduce effective buffer distances to protect existing and potential rural land-uses from incompatible development. 	Short	Strategic Planning

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure objectives and controls are sufficiently robust to protect important agricultural activities from inappropriate development, including urban encroachment, land fragmentation and inappropriate forms of residential and tourism development. 		
23.	Investigate a precinct planning approach for the rural and environmental areas to reflect the different character and capabilities of land across the region.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
24.	Identify and map important agricultural land, significant agricultural landscapes and sensitive view sheds.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
25.	Lobby the State Government to realign the Viticulture Critical Industry Cluster boundary with the RU4 Primary Production Small Lots Zone and the important viticultural land map to ensure uniform status across the Vineyards District.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
26.	Investigate policy options to protect the region's productive agricultural land from fragmentation and inappropriate development.	Medium	Strategic Planning
27.	Investigate the viability of new and emerging agricultural industries and how to support diversification of the sector through local planning policies.	Short	Strategic Planning
28.	Prepare a Rural Lands Policy.	Short	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 9			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure land-uses and controls in the Vineyard District are compatible with the scenic rural character of the area and the long-term economic sustainability of the District. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide clear development standards for the range of non-agricultural development that is permitted in the Vineyards District. 	Short	Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contributions framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To repeal the Tourism S94 Plan. To capture contributions from tourist-related development under council's Section 7.12 Levy Contributions Plan. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
29.	Continue to facilitate the Vineyard District Community Working Group for the Vineyards District Project.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 10			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide flexibility for new tourism development in suitable locations. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide clear development standards for the range of non-agricultural development that is permitted in rural and environmental areas and the Vineyards District. To provide guidance on appropriate design and building in rural and other sensitive areas. 	Short	Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contribution framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that tourism development contributes to infrastructure provision and town centre improvements. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 11			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To align the zoning of centres to reflect the centres hierarchy. To ensure permitted development is consistent with the objectives of each zone. Investigate the extent of the B4 Zone at Huntlee, to provide a clear direction as to Huntlee's future role in the centre hierarchy. 	Immediate Medium Short	Strategic Planning

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the extent of the B3 Commercial Core, B4 Mixed Use and B7 Business Park zones are appropriately utilised in the Cessnock Town Centre. Investigate the extent and value of the B4 Mixed Use Development Zone at Weston. 		
30.	Progress the 'Hyrd' Planning Proposal- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply a new B5 Business Development Zone to the Hydro site south of the expressway and north of the existing Kurri Kurri Industrial Estate. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning in conjunction with Maitland Council and relevant State agencies.
Planning Priority 12			
31.	Engage with local business chambers and public organisations to determine how the local planning framework can be modified to support their continued growth and diversification.	Short	Strategic Planning
32.	Lobby the State and Federal governments to encourage new public organisations, including health and education services to establish in the local government area.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
33.	Investigate opportunities to incentivise the creation of shared workspaces in our centres.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planner Economic Development
34.	Lobby for a university presence that capitalises on the LGA's strengths.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
35.	Continue to implement place-making and public domain strategies and continue to apply for funding to support the City's centres.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
Planning Priority 13			
4.	Prepare an annual monitoring report- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To record the use and uptake of employment land over the life of the strategy. To inform when it is necessary to investigate the provision of additional employment land. 	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the extent of industrial zoning within the Hunter Economic Zone (HEZ) in consultation with landowners and State government agencies and rezone significant environmental lands to an appropriate environmental zone. 	Short	Strategic Planning
30.	Progress the 'Hydro' Planning Proposal- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the inclusion of employment land to encourage a range of appropriate industries and specialised retail premises. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 14			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To redefine and simplify the employment zones. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan to- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide clear design and building standards for industrial development. 	Short	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 15			
36.	Continue to implement the Cessnock Airport Master Plan.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Property Works & Operations
37.	Continue to implement Council's Economic Development Strategy.	Ongoing	Economic Development

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
38.	Continue to implement the Cessnock Traffic and Transport Strategy.	Ongoing	Infrastructure
39.	Investigate park and ride facilities and commuter parking at public transport nodes and HEX interchanges in collaboration with the RMS.	Immediate	Infrastructure
40.	Investigate amending land-use zones in areas affected by significant changes to the road network.	Medium	Strategic Planning
41.	Preserve the rail corridor for potential future use.	Ongoing	Council
42.	Investigate and plan for the provision of a university campus in the LGA.	Medium	Strategic Planning.
Planning Priority 16			
43.	Prepare a Smart City Strategy.	Short	Strategic Planning
44.	Lobby for broader internet and mobile coverage.	Ongoing	Council
Sustainable			
Planning Priority 17			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To investigate the use of environmental zones. To investigate the use of buffer zones between areas of high environmental value (e.g. National Parks) and urban areas To ensure the land-uses permissible in each of the environmental zones are consistent with the objectives of the zone. To investigate the extent of industrial zoning within the Hunter Economic Zone in consultation with landowners and state government agencies, with the aim of rezoning significant environmental areas to an appropriate environmental zone. To examine the urban release areas and rezone riparian corridors to an appropriate environmental zone. To investigate the introduction of planning controls to reduce land-use conflict for lands of high environmental value. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update the trees and vegetation management provisions. To review and update the tree species list to ensure that it contains primarily local native species. To introduce effective buffer distances to environmental lands from incompatible development. 	Short	Strategic Planning
22.	Undertake an Environmental Lands Study.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
45.	Prepare an Environmental Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
46.	Investigate if it is appropriate to introduce a sensitive land map with a clause that requires Council to consider the environmental qualities of the land in any planning proposals or development applications.	Short	
47.	Engage with Austar, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and other major land holders about the future management of their lands and to reflect the environmental value of these lands in the Environmental Lands Study.	Short	Strategic Planning
48.	Enhance development and implement green and blue grids within new and existing urban areas.	Medium	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 18			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To rezone the Crown Land within the National Park Corridor to an appropriate Environmental Zone in consultation with the NSW State Government. 	Short	Strategic Planning
16.	Prepare a Greener Places, Urban Forest Policy and Street Tree Policy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
45.	Prepare an Environmental Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
49.	Continue to implement actions from Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2014.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Environmental & Waste Services
50.	Investigate planning mechanisms to provide greater protection for areas of high biodiversity and biodiversity corridors.	Short	Strategic Planning
51.	Investigate the possibility of Council making strategic land purchases for the purpose of establishing Biodiversity Stewardship Sites*.	Short-Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Property Strategic Planning
52.	Work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify lands of high biodiversity and strategies to protect and enhance these areas.	Short-Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning
53.	Work with the state government to ensure the long-term protection of regionally significant biodiversity corridors e.g. the Watagan to Stockton Link through strategic bio-certification.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning in conjunction with the DPIE
54.	Continue to implement the Cessnock Biodiversity Management Plan.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Environmental & Waste Services
55.	Investigate funding and grant opportunities to support environmental improvement works.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 19			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure significant riparian corridors and water bodies are zoned to an appropriate environmental zone. 	Short	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Introduce Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) controls. To review stormwater management standards. 	Short	Strategic Planning
22.	Prepare an Environmental Lands Study.	Short	Strategic Planning
44.	Prepare an Environmental Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
56.	Prepare a policy on the protection of watercourses and drainage channels.	Medium	Strategic Planning
57.	Investigate the zoning of lots that contain significant waterbodies to ensure the type, location and extent of zoning is appropriate.	Short	Strategic Planning
58.	Apply for grant funding for projects that improve water security, water quality and the condition of urban waterways.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
59.	Implement a water-sampling program to establish a base line for monitoring the success of the Environmental Strategy.	Short	Environmental Health
60.	Work with Hunter Water to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> naturalise and potentially increase capacity of water and drainage channels throughout the LGA subject to flooding assessments; and undertake specific water saving and improvement initiatives related to recycled water usage and integrated water management solutions. 	Long	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 20			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the zoning and land-uses for land that is significantly affected by natural hazards (e.g. flooding and bushfire) reflect the risk. To identify lands that may be suitable for renewable energy projects and reflect that through zoning. To identify opportunities for urban agriculture and other measures to improve food security. 	Short-Medium	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan–	Short	Strategic Planning

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review development on flood prone land provisions, the Flood Risk Management Policy and existing flood studies to include climate change considerations. To review development controls to ensure that they build resilience and that development is appropriate for the level of risk. To prepare development controls to improve building performance and include sustainable development initiatives. To review planning controls to encourage investment in renewable energy. To include land-use policies that reduce resource consumption and minimise waste generation. 		
61.	Prepare a Climate Change Policy and Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 21			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the zoning and land-uses for land that is significantly affected by natural hazards (e.g. flooding and bushfire) reflect the risk. 	Short	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare development controls to improve building performance and include sustainable development initiatives. To include best practice policies for subdivision and development. To include controls relating to rehabilitation and remediation of degraded land. 	Short	Strategic Planning
45.	Prepare an Environmental Strategy.	Short	Strategic Planning
62.	Prepare a Green Building Policy.	Short	Strategic Planning
Unique			
Planning Priority 22			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To investigate options to add scenic protection controls. To review the minimum lot sizes applicable to rural and environmental zones to avoid fragmentation of rural land. To ensure permitted land-uses are compatible with the rural character and amenity of the Vineyards District. To remove reference to the R5 Large Lot Residential zone in Clause 4.2A of the LEP. To update the LEP Dwelling Entitlements Map to include parcels of land that have been identified as having an entitlement. To investigate the viability of the RU6 Transition zone or a local provision to provide buffers. To investigate local policy relating to dwelling entitlements. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include development controls that minimise the impact of urban development at the rural – urban interface. Identify visually significant views and tree-lined local roads and provide controls to protect these assets. 	Short	Strategic Planning
28.	Prepare a Rural Lands Policy.	Short	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 23			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the zone applied to the Cessnock LGA Vineyards District and the land-uses it nominates as permissible are compatible with the rural character and amenity of the area. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan–	Short	Strategic Planning

Actions		Timeframe	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure an appropriate level of protection for each 'character area' with the Vineyards District. To ensure the 'Significant Areas' map provides sufficient protection to valuable landscape elements. 		
Planning Priority 24			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environment Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure heritage items and heritage conservation areas are appropriately identified and protected; To consider how Aboriginal cultural heritage and cultural landscapes can be protected; and To recognise heritage as it relates to the character of an area -considering ways to identify clusters of places and items which contribute to the significant character of a place. 	Short	Strategic Planning
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include controls for development in heritage conservation areas. 	Short	Strategic Planning
63.	Prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Strategy in consultation with local Aboriginal people and groups.	Short	Strategic Planning
64.	Undertake Phase 2 of the Aboriginal Heritage Study.	Intermediate	Strategic Planning
65.	Continue to apply for funding to continue the local heritage small grants program and heritage advisory service.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 25			
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide guidance on developing heritage items and in conservation areas, including provisions for adaptive reuse and disabled access. 	Short	Strategic Planning
66.	Prepare a Heritage Strategy– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recognise, protect, enhance and promote heritage items and heritage conservations areas. To promote key heritage attractions. Investigate the merit of a heritage interpretation plan to provide guidance and strategies on communicating the significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas to the local community and visitors. 	Short	Strategic Planning
67.	Continue to apply for funding to continue the Cessnock City Council Local Heritage Small Grants program and heritage advisory service.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 26			
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that eco-tourism is sensitively designed and minimises environmental impact. To ensure that agri-based tourism supports the viability of agriculture. 	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning
7.	Review Council's development contribution framework– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that community infrastructure needed to support nature based and recreational tourism is appropriately funded. 	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning
15.	Investigate options for a cycleway and trail through the Vineyard District.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation
68.	Promote the Watagan and Yengo National Parks as destinations of natural and Aboriginal significance.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
69.	Prioritise the implementation of the Richmond Vale Rail Trail.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation

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Planning Priority 27			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure major events are permitted in strategic centres and other suitable locations. To enable land-uses that support events, such as tourist and visitor accommodation, function centres, to be permissible in strategic centres and other suitable locations. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
70.	Continue to undertake the Vineyards District project.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 28			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that permitted development is consistent with the objectives of the RU5 Village zone. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
13.	Prepare a villages strategy that– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies key features of each village. Identifies opportunities for improvements to the public domain in each village. 	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation
71.	Continue the implementation of the town centre public domain plans.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
72.	Investigate and identify precincts that require local character statements.	Medium	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 29			
6.	Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include development controls to inform development at Wollombi. 	Short	Strategic Planning
13.	Prepare a villages strategy that– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies key features of each village. Identifies opportunities for improvements to the public domain in each village. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
Planning Priority 30			
5.	Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider if dual occupancies and multi-unit dwellings are appropriate in the villages. To provide minimum lot sizes in the RU5 Village zones that promote higher density and housing diversity where reticulated sewer and water are connected, and the site is not otherwise constraints. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
13.	Prepare a villages strategy that– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies key features of each village. Identifies opportunities for improvements to the public domain in each village. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning

Actions - Collated

The following is the collated list of Actions from the Cessnock Local Strategic Planning Statement. The link to theme and planning priority have been removed and duplications have been removed.

Table 2: Collated actions

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<p>1. Prepare a Local Housing Strategy that–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyses local housing needs and housing preferences. • Responds to the spectrum of housing types and needs across the local government area. • Prioritises the delivery of infill housing within existing urban areas • Meets social and affordable housing requirements for low and very low-income households. • Considers the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Weston and Branxton. • Considers opportunities for medium-density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
<p>2. Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy.</p>	Immediate	Strategic Planning
<p>3. Prepare a corridor plan for the Cliftleigh – Heddon Greta Corridor–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the area is adequately serviced and new growth is integrated with the existing residential areas. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
<p>4. Prepare an annual monitoring report–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To report on land and housing supply and demand. • To inform when it is necessary to investigate the provision of additional land for development. • To record the use and uptake of employment land over the life of the strategy. • To inform when it is necessary to investigate the provision of additional employment land. 	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
<p>5. Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To permit higher density development, such as shop-top housing, in B2 Local Centre, B3 Commercial Core and B4 Mixed Use zones where considered appropriate in respect to environmental constraints. • To review the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in the Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Weston and Branxton commercial centres and opportunities for medium density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor • To review the zoning in urban release areas to encourage medium-density development around commercial centres and areas of high amenity. • To review minimum lot size and subdivision controls to promote higher density around urban centres, key transport nodes and along major road corridors. • To review the minimum lot size and zoning requirements at Bellbird. In particular, the minimum lot size at Echidna Close and the rural zoning at Edden Street, Bellbird. • To review the land-uses in the E4 Environmental Living zone. • To rezone residual parcels of land from the Hunter Express Way. • To review the extent and application of the RU4 Primary Production zone subject to the recommendations of the Vineyards District Discussion Paper. • To ensure that land-uses are compatible with the rural landscape. 	As detailed in Table 1.	Strategic Planning

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate the inclusion of all rural zones in Clause 5.3 Development near zone boundaries. • To Investigate the merit of introducing a RU6 Transition zone to buffer rural and environmental zones. • To ensure land-uses and controls in the Vineyard District are compatible with the scenic rural character of the area and the long-term economic sustainability of the District. • To provide flexibility for new tourism development in suitable locations. • To align the zoning of centres to reflect the centres hierarchy. • To ensure permitted development is consistent with the objectives of each zone. • Investigate the extent of the B4 Zone at Huntlee, to provide a clear direction as to Huntlee's future role in the centre hierarchy. • To ensure the extent of the B3 Commercial Core, B4 Mixed Use and B7 Business Park zones are appropriately utilised in the Cessnock Town Centre. • Investigate the extent and value of the B4 Mixed Use Development Zone at Weston. • Investigate the extent of industrial zoning within the Hunter Economic Zone (HEZ) in consultation with landowners and State government agencies and rezone significant environmental lands to an appropriate environmental zone. • To redefine and simplify the employment zones. • To investigate the use of environmental zones. • To investigate the use of buffer zones between areas of high environmental value (e.g. National Parks) and urban areas • To ensure the land-uses permissible in each of the environmental zones are consistent with the objectives of the zone. • To investigate the extent of industrial zoning within the Hunter Economic Zone in consultation with landowners and state government agencies, with the aim of rezoning significant environmental areas to an appropriate environmental zone. • To examine the urban release areas and rezone riparian corridors to an appropriate environmental zone. • To investigate the introduction of planning controls to reduce land-use conflict for lands of high environmental value. • To rezone the Crown Land within the National Park Corridor to an appropriate Environmental Zone in consultation with the NSW State Government. • To ensure significant riparian corridors and water bodies are zoned to an appropriate environmental zone. • To ensure that the zoning and land-uses for land that is significantly affected by natural hazards (e.g. flooding and bushfire) reflect the risk. • To identify lands that may be suitable for renewable energy projects and reflect that through zoning. • To identify opportunities for urban agriculture and other measures to improve food security. • To ensure that the zoning and land-uses for land that is significantly affected by natural hazards (e.g. flooding and bushfire) reflect the risk. • To investigate options to add scenic protection controls. • To review the minimum lot sizes applicable to rural and environmental zones to avoid fragmentation of rural land. • To ensure permitted land-uses are compatible with the rural character and amenity of the Vineyards District. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To remove reference to the R5 Large Lot Residential zone in Clause 4.2A of the LEP. • To update the LEP Dwelling Entitlements Map to include parcels of land that have been identified as having an entitlement. • To investigate the viability of the RU6 Transition zone or a local provision to provide buffers. • To investigate local policy relating to dwelling entitlements. • To ensure the zone applied to the Cessnock LGA Vineyards District and the land-uses it nominates as permissible are compatible with the rural character and amenity of the area. • To ensure heritage items and heritage conservation areas are appropriately identified and protected; • To consider how Aboriginal cultural heritage and cultural landscapes can be protected; and • To recognise heritage as it relates to the character of an area - considering ways to identify clusters of places and items which contribute to the significant character of a place. • To ensure major events are permitted in strategic centres and other suitable locations. • To enable land-uses that support events, such as tourist and visitor accommodation, function centres, to be permissible in strategic centres and other suitable locations. • To ensure that permitted development is consistent with the objectives of the RU5 Village zone. • To consider if dual occupancies and multi-unit dwellings are appropriate in the villages. • To provide minimum lot sizes in the RU5 Village zones that promote higher density and housing diversity where reticulated sewer and water are connected, and the site is not otherwise constraints. 		
<p>6. Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include development controls for dual occupancy and medium-density development that maintains the neighbourhood character. • To include development controls that encourage affordable and adaptable housing. • To ensure that there are adequate design standards for buildings in our centres. • To ensure the preservation of green corridors and water sensitive urban design principles • To include provisions to encourage increased place making in our centres. • To ensure adequate guidance is provided for access requirements. • To include provisions to encourage energy efficiency and greening of buildings. • To include criteria to guide the rezoning of land to E4 Environmental Living. • To ensure objectives and controls appropriately reflect the different character areas within the Vineyards District. • To ensure higher risk, non-agricultural land-uses are managed appropriately. • To introduce effective buffer distances to protect existing and potential rural land-uses from incompatible development. • To ensure objectives and controls are sufficiently robust to protect important agricultural activities from inappropriate development, including urban encroachment, land fragmentation and inappropriate forms of residential and tourism development. 	As detailed in Table 1.	Strategic Planning

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide clear development standards for the range of non-agricultural development that is permitted in the Vineyards District. • To provide clear development standards for the range of non-agricultural development that is permitted in rural and environmental areas and the Vineyards District. • To provide guidance on appropriate design and building in rural and other sensitive areas. Provide clear design and building standards for industrial development. • To update the trees and vegetation management provisions. • To review and update the tree species list to ensure that it contains primarily local native species. • To introduce effective buffer distances to environmental lands from incompatible development. • To Introduce Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) controls. • To review stormwater management standards. • To review development on flood prone land provisions, the Flood Risk Management Policy and existing flood studies to include climate change considerations. • To review development controls to ensure that they build resilience and that development is appropriate for the level of risk. • To prepare development controls to improve building performance and include sustainable development initiatives. • To review planning controls to encourage investment in renewable energy. • To include land-use policies that reduce resource consumption and minimise waste generation. • To prepare development controls to improve building performance and include sustainable development initiatives. • To include best practice policies for subdivision and development. • To include controls relating to rehabilitation and remediation of degraded land. • To include development controls that minimise the impact of urban development at the rural – urban interface. • Identify visually significant views and tree-lined local roads and provide controls to protect these assets. • To ensure an appropriate level of protection for each 'character area' with the Vineyards District. • To ensure the 'Significant Areas' map provides sufficient protection to valuable landscape elements. • To include controls for development in heritage conservation areas. • To provide guidance on developing heritage items and in conservation areas, including provisions for adaptive reuse and disabled access. • To ensure that eco-tourism is sensitively designed and minimises environmental impact. • To ensure that agri-based tourism supports the viability of agriculture. • To include development controls to inform development at Wollombi. 		
<p>7. Review Council's development contribution framework–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer. • To contribute to the active transport works in Council's Traffic and Transport Strategy. 	As detailed in Table 1.	Strategic Planning

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer. To incentivise infill development within existing urban areas. To repeal the Tourism S94 Plan. To capture contributions from tourist-related development under council's Section 7.12 Levy Contributions Plan. To ensure that tourism development contributes to infrastructure provision and town centre improvements. To ensure that community infrastructure needed to support nature based and recreational tourism is appropriately funded. 		
8. Review the Parking and Access Strategy for the Cessnock Commercial Centre.	Medium	Strategic Planning
9. Continue to apply for government funding to implement the public domain works that are identified in Council's endorsed town centre strategies and masterplans.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
10. Continue to capture development contributions and investigate alternative funding options to complete town centre public domain works.	Long	Strategic Planning
11. Prepare a town centre place-making strategy to encourage development and investment that will increase activation, amenity and use of existing sites in our centres.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
12. Target the Local Heritage Fund to façade improvement for heritage buildings in our centres.	Short	Strategic Planning
13. Prepare a villages strategy that- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies key features of each village. Identifies opportunities for improvements to the public domain in each village. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning
14. Council will prepare a Local Character Study and Local Character Statement for residential land in relevant City locations	Immediate	Strategic Planning
15. Investigate options for a cycleway and trail through the Vineyard District.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation
16. Prepare a Greener Places, Urban Forest Policy and Street Tree Policy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
17. Continue to implement Council's adopted plans for access and mobility, recreation and open space, traffic and transport and community.	Ongoing	Council
18. Undertake a movement and place study for our roads in major urban areas.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation Infrastructure
19. Support a place based planning approach to better guide planning and urban design outcomes for urban areas.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation Infrastructure
20. Council will continue to monitor residential land supply.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
21. Council will continue to participate in the Hunter Urban Development Program.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
22. Undertake an Environmental Lands Study.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
23. Investigate a precinct planning approach for the rural and environmental areas to reflect the different character and capabilities of land across the region.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
24. Identify and map important agricultural land, significant agricultural landscapes and sensitive view sheds.	Immediate	Strategic Planning

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25.	Lobby the State Government to realign the Viticulture Critical Industry Cluster boundary with the RU4 Primary Production Small Lots Zone and the important viticultural land map to ensure uniform status across the Vineyards District.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
26.	Investigate policy options to protect the region's productive agricultural land from fragmentation and inappropriate development.	Medium	Strategic Planning
27.	Investigate the viability of new and emerging agricultural industries and how to support diversification of the sector through local planning policies.	Short	Strategic Planning
28.	Prepare a Rural Lands Policy.	Short	Strategic Planning
29.	Continue to facilitate the Vineyard District Community Working Group for the Vineyards District Project.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
30.	Progress the 'Hyrd0' Planning Proposal- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply a new B5 Business Development Zone to the Hydro site south of the expressway and north of the existing Kurri Kurri Industrial Estate. With the inclusion of employment land to encourage a range of appropriate industries and specialised retail premises. 	Immediate	Strategic Planning in conjunction with Maitland Council and relevant State agencies.
31.	Engage with local business chambers and public organisations to determine how the local planning framework can be modified to support their continued growth and diversification.	Short	Strategic Planning
32.	Lobby the State and Federal governments to encourage new public organisations, including health and education services to establish in the local government area.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
33.	Investigate opportunities to incentivise the creation of shared workspaces in our centres.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planner Economic Development
34.	Lobby for a university presence that capitalises on the LGA's strengths.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
35.	Continue to implement place-making and public domain strategies and continue to apply for funding to support the City's centres.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
36.	Continue to implement the Cessnock Airport Master Plan.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Property Works & Operations
37.	Continue to implement Council's Economic Development Strategy.	Ongoing	Economic Development
38.	Continue to implement the Cessnock Traffic and Transport Strategy.	Ongoing	Infrastructure
39.	Investigate park and ride facilities and commuter parking at public transport nodes and HEX interchanges in collaboration with the RMS.	Immediate	Infrastructure
40.	Investigate amending land-use zones in areas affected by significant changes to the road network.	Medium	Strategic Planning
41.	Preserve the rail corridor for potential future use.	Ongoing	Council
42.	Investigate and plan for the provision of a university campus in the LGA.	Medium	Strategic Planning.
43.	Prepare a Smart City Strategy.	Short	Strategic Planning
44.	Lobby for broader internet and mobile coverage.	Ongoing	Council
45.	Prepare an Environmental Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
46.	Investigate if it is appropriate to introduce a sensitive land map with a clause that requires Council to consider the environmental	Short	

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	qualities of the land in any planning proposals or development applications.		
47.	Engage with Austar, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and other major land holders about the future management of their lands and to reflect the environmental value of these lands in the Environmental Lands Study.	Short	Strategic Planning
48.	Enhance development and implement green and blue grids within new and existing urban areas.	Medium	Strategic Planning
49.	Continue to implement actions from Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2014.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Environmental & Waste Services
50.	Investigate planning mechanisms to provide greater protection for areas of high biodiversity and biodiversity corridors.	Short	Strategic Planning
51.	Investigate the possibility of Council making strategic land purchases for the purpose of establishing Biodiversity Stewardship Sites*.	Short-Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Property Strategic Planning
52.	Work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify lands of high biodiversity and strategies to protect and enhance these areas.	Short-Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning
53.	Work with the state government to ensure the long-term protection of regionally significant biodiversity corridors e.g. the Watagan to Stockton Link through strategic bio-certification.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning in conjunction with the DPIE
54.	Continue to implement the Cessnock Biodiversity Management Plan.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Environmental & Waste Services
55.	Investigate funding and grant opportunities to support environmental improvement works.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
56.	Prepare a policy on the protection of watercourses and drainage channels.	Medium	Strategic Planning
57.	Investigate the zoning of lots that contain significant waterbodies to ensure the type, location and extent of zoning is appropriate.	Short	Strategic Planning
58.	Apply for grant funding for projects that improve water security, water quality and the condition of urban waterways.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
59.	Implement a water-sampling program to establish a base line for monitoring the success of the Environmental Strategy.	Short	Environmental Health
60.	Work with Hunter Water to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> naturalise and potentially increase capacity of water and drainage channels throughout the LGA subject to flooding assessments; and undertake specific water saving and improvement initiatives related to recycled water usage and integrated water management solutions. 	Long	Strategic Planning
61.	Prepare a Climate Change Policy and Strategy.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
62.	Prepare a Green Building Policy.	Short	Strategic Planning
63.	Prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Strategy in consultation with local Aboriginal people and groups.	Short	Strategic Planning
64.	Undertake Phase 2 of the Aboriginal Heritage Study.	Intermediate	Strategic Planning
65.	Continue to apply for funding to continue the local heritage small grants program and heritage advisory service.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
66.	Prepare a Heritage Strategy– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recognise, protect, enhance and promote heritage items and heritage conservations areas. To promote key heritage attractions. 	Short	Strategic Planning

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the merit of a heritage interpretation plan to provide guidance and strategies on communicating the significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas to the local community and visitors. 		
67.	Continue to apply for funding to continue the Cessnock City Council Local Heritage Small Grants program and heritage advisory service.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
68.	Promote the Watagan and Yengo National Parks as destinations of natural and Aboriginal significance.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Economic Development
69.	Prioritise the implementation of the Richmond Vale Rail Trail.	Immediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Open Space & Recreation
70.	Continue to undertake the Vineyards District project.	Immediate	Strategic Planning
71.	Continue the implementation of the town centre public domain plans.	Ongoing	Strategic Planning
72.	Investigate and identify precincts that require local character statements.	Medium	Strategic Planning