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performance and review

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The Action Plan sets an agenda for the Central Coast region. It is essential that comprehensive monitoring and review procedures be in place so that the progressive impact of the Action Plan can be measured over time. Regular review of performance will also assist in the evaluation and refinement of the Action Plan and in future planning.

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The approach to the performance management of the Action Plan is set out below. There are three levels of assessment (strategic review, annual regional report, and continuing review) that are generally in line with the Government's interim framework for the monitoring and evaluation of Regional Plans.

11.3 Strategic Review

The regional forum under PlanFIRST will oversee the formal review of the Action Plan every five years. This revision will include a stock-take of baseline trends and an analysis of outcomes. The first such review will be carried out in 2007 and, similar to the preparation of the Action Plan, it will be done in full consultation with all of the region's stakeholders. The review will provide the opportunity to fine tune the regional vision and strategic objectives, as well as making any necessary changes to the action program to meet agreed targets.

11.4 Annual Regional Report

Each year, commencing in 2003 the regional leadership group will facilitate the production of an annual regional report. This report will monitor the progress of the Action Plan. It will record key events and achievements in the preceding year, including implementation of the action program milestones and progress towards performance targets. 9.45.224

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Whilst the strategic context will remain unaltered, the annual regional report will update the detailed supporting actions (partners, timeframes etc.) within a five year time horizon. 9.46.229

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The annual regional report will be issued as a draft document for discussion with regional partners before being published. The timing of its publication will coincide with the financial planning cycle of the implementing partners. 9.46.229

11.7 Continuing Review

In addition to this formal review framework there will be a continuing need to be responsive to the changing circumstances affecting the region. It is imperative that within the stability of the framework provided by the Action Plan, the partners are alert to, and have the capacity to respond to, new developments. The Action Plan must be a vehicle, which encourages change for the benefit of the region, not an impediment to change.

11.8 Regional Performance Indicators

The Action Plan recognises the need to develop a package of regional Indicators of Sustainability for the Central Coast (refer to the actions in Chapter 9 "Regional Governance"). These indicators will need to cover significant aspects of the region's economy, environment and society to enable an assessment of the results of our actions - i.e. have we achieved our desired outcomes, or are we at least heading in the right direction. 9.46.227 / 9.46.228

11.9 Interim Indicators

The Technical Advisory Group has developed Interim Indicators to assist in measuring the performance of the Action Plan. These measures have been developed within the framework of the goals and related themes. The Interim Indicators included in the Action Plan were selected because, on balance, they were relevant to the particular theme, focussed on the outcomes, were unambiguous measures of progress or regress, and the data was readily available for the region. (This is generally consistent with the criteria used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to select indicators for its publication: 1370.0 Measuring Australia's Progress).

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Accurate and reliable information is the basis of sound policy development and decision-making in regional planning. It will be necessary to establish a mechanism that will aim to provide relevant data and information for use by all stakeholders in measuring their performance in the implementation of the Action Plan. 9.46.229

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It needs to be emphasised that the focus of the Action Plan is to achieve the desired outcomes identified in Chapter 4. Both the Interim Indicators and those to be developed are only tools to assess progress towards the region's goals.

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Whilst the initial targets in the Action Plan generally aim to lift the region's indicators to the state or national average it is recognised that the long-term vision is for the Central Coast to be better than "average". The targets will need to be realistic and reassessed during the review stages of the Action Plan.

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	<u>MEASURE</u>		<u>BASELINE</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2011</u>	TARGETS <u>2026</u>
Econ	Unemployment rate	7.2% 5.7% 9.3% 5.2%	Central Coast Gosford City Wyong Shire Sydney (Dept of Employment & Workplace Relations June 2002)	Sydney rate plus 1.5%	Sydney rate plus 0.75%	Sydney rate
Econ	Proportion of employed residents to working age population	65.8% 69.4%	Central Coast NSW (Dept of Employment & Workplace Relations June 2001 and ABS 3235.1 June 2001)	NSW rate less 2.4%	NSW rate less 1.6%	NSW rate
Econ	Median weekly individual incomes of people aged over 15	\$279 \$237 \$298	Gosford City Wyong Shire NSW (ABS Census 1996)	NSW median less 10%	NSW median	NSW median plus 5%
Edu	Ratio of all people attending a tertiary institution to population aged 18-24 years	74.4% 63.9% 69.6% 81.3%	Gosford City Wyong Shire Central Coast NSW (ABS Census 2001)	NSW rate less 9%	NSW rate less 6%	NSW rate
Edu	Year 7-12 Government School Retention Rate	52.0% 63.5%	Central Coast NSW (Department of Education & Training 1998)	55.0%	58.0%	NSW rate
Tran	Average length of trips to work	26.7km 15.8km	Central Coast Sydney Statistical Division (Household Travel Survey 2000/01)	25.6km	24.8km	Sydney rate plus 30%
Tran	Average vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) per person on an average weekday.	31.2km 20.2km	Central Coast Sydney Statistical Division (Household Travel Survey 2000/01)	29.5km	28.0km	Sydney rate plus 15%
Env	Percentage of extant vegetation.	77% 71%	Gosford City Wyong Shire (LHCCREMS estimate)	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
Util	Average residential water consumption per property per annum.	225KI 221KI 230KI 205KI	Gosford City Wyong Shire NSW NSW top 20% (Dept of Land & Water Conservation 2000/01 and Central Coast Infrastructure Assessment)	NSW top 20%	NSW top 20%	NSW top 20%

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				<u>2006</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2026</u>
	Percentage of drinking water samples complying with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.	99% 98%	Central Coast Recommended Level (Gosford City Council, Wyong Shire Council and Central Coast Health 2001/02 published in Central Coast Health Annual Report)	Greater than 98%	Greater than 98%	Greater than 98%
	Total waste generated per annum.	250,034 t 238,798 t	Gosford City Wyong Shire (Resource NSW 2000)	Maintain in line with population	Maintain or reduce in line with population	Maintain or reduce in line with population
	Urban Index of Advantage.	991 944 995	Gosford City Wyong Shire Australian (ABS 1996)	985	1,000	1,100
	Percentage of Population that is overweight or obese	44.2% 42.3%	Central Coast Sydney (Central Coast Health Survey & NSW Health Survey 1997/98 published in Central Coast Health Annual Report)	44.2%	40%	30%
	Percentage of population aged over 15 years that smoke	25.3% 25.0%	Central Coast NSW (Central Coast Health Survey & NSW Health Survey 1997/98 published in Central Coast Health Annual Report)	20%	15%	10%
	Percentage of children aged 12 to 15 months that are fully immunised	94% 92%	Central Coast NSW (Australian Childhood Immunisation Register published in Central Coast Health Annual Report)	>95%	>95%	>95%
	Participation by 5-14 year olds in organised sports and activities	58.5% 60.2%	Central Coast NSW (Central Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy 2001 & ABS 4901.0 Australia 2000)	NSW rate	NSW rate	NSW rate plus 5%
	Hectares of urban open space.	30,754ha 8,383ha	Gosford City Wyong Shire (Local Government Grants Commission 2000/01)	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
	Low income households paying more than 30% of income in housing costs	56.8% 58.2% 62.1% 55.4%	Gosford City Wyong Shire Sydney NSW (Dept of Urban Affairs & Planning 1999 from 1996 Census)	NSW rate	NSW rate	NSW rate