

Representatives from PlanningNSW, Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils started the process of preparing the Action Plan in January 2002, and from the outset were determined that it should be the region's plan, not just the plan of a few. For this reason we consulted widely, to help understand the region's strengths and weaknesses, to hear the views for the future and the priorities. The Plan has evolved from a process, which involved technical analysis and research, and political input and consultation with a large number of people and organisations.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in these consultations, whether by making initial submissions on the first draft in August 2001 (over 35), providing further written comment on the preliminary draft distributed in September 2002 (over 40), by being involved in local government forums (5 across the region), by commenting on the plan (at up to 140 stakeholder meetings and interviews) or by being involved in numerous working groups. Your generosity in giving your time, your opinions and expert views, your enthusiasm and support, has been invaluable.

We have listened to all your views, considered them carefully, and taken some hard decisions. We have distilled and focused them to provide a set of strategic objectives and supporting actions. We are confident that this document will prove to be a robust statement of the region's priority actions, and will continue to monitor and review it as necessary to ensure it is dynamic and continues to be relevant.

The vision, desired outcomes and supporting actions set out in the Action Plan seek to ensure that future growth will promote:

- Diversity of employment and business opportunities;
- Educated community and skilled workforce;
- Access and efficient transport systems;
- Protection of the region's natural environment;
- Appropriate infrastructure and the sustainable use of resources;
- Connected, safe and valued communities;
- Healthy communities;
- Regional identity and a diversity of recreational and cultural opportunities;
- Smart growth settlement patterns and housing choice; and
- Integrated regional governance.

The Action Plan will need to respond to changing circumstances. It will therefore be monitored annually and fully reviewed every five years. This cooperative approach is a first for the Central Coast region. The Action Plan is committed to developing strong partnerships and working together to optimise opportunities and help create a living environment that future Central Coast residents can be proud of.

Thank you to all those who have been involved. We look forward to your continued support, interest, innovation and enthusiasm as we move from the planning phase to making things happen on the ground.

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The draft Action Plan - Version II will be on public exhibition between 6 December 2002 and 14 February 2003 and submissions and comments are invited from the community, regional and local stakeholders and interest groups and all levels of government.

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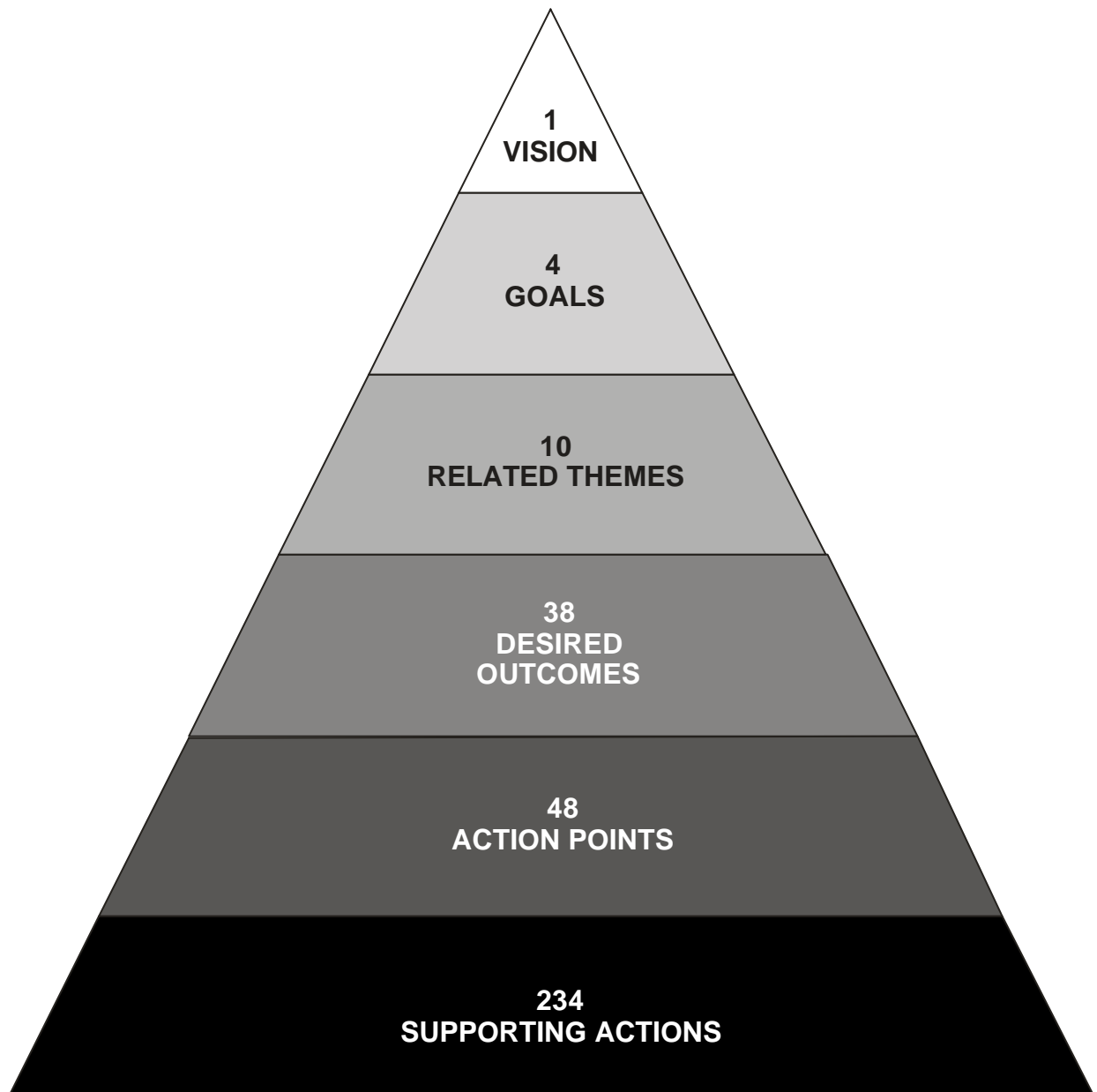
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We have devised a key to help guide you through the document and to link the text in the chapters to the action points and supporting actions.

The key works like this:

<p>Goals</p>	<p>The Action Plan is based on four related goals. We have created symbols to represent these goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Competitive and Adaptable Economy  Healthy and Sustainable Environment  Vibrant and Liveable Communities  Regional Governance
<p>Related Themes</p>	<p>The Action Plan is based on ten related themes. Each theme is linked to the goals. Throughout the document we refer to these as <i>Investing In</i> themes and they are represented with the following abbreviations.</p> <p><i>Chapter 6:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  I. Economy Econ II. Education and Training Edu III. Transport and Access Tran <p><i>Chapter 7:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  IV. Natural Environment Env V. Utilities and Services Util <p><i>Chapter 8:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  VI. Communities and Social Capital Comm VII. Healthy Communities Hea VI. Recreation and Culture Rec XI. Urban and Rural Areas Urb <p><i>Chapter 9:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  X. Regional Governance Reg
<p>Paragraphs</p>	<p>Each paragraph throughout the document is numbered.</p> <p>For example if you see a number like this <u>3.10</u> this is referring you to chapter 3 paragraph 10.</p>
<p>Actions Points</p>	<p>There are Action Points that are summarised at the end of each related theme. There are 48 Action Points in total.</p> <p>If you see a number followed by a related theme like this 7.2 Env this is referring you to Action Point 2 in the Environment section of chapter 7: Healthy and Sustainable Environment.</p>
<p>Supporting Actions</p>	<p>The Supporting Actions can be found in Chapter 12. They are also referred to throughout the text. There are 234 supporting actions in total.</p> <p>If you see a number like this (8.29.157) this is referring you to action point 8.29 Comm in the Communities and Social Capital section and supporting action number 157.</p>

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