

Working with State Agencies

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is the NSW Government body responsible for coordinating the release of land and subsequent provision of infrastructure in Sydney's North West and South West Growth Centres.

To do this effectively, the Department harnesses the resources and expertise of other State agencies by managing a coordinated process called Precinct Planning.

Precinct Planning brings together government agencies and local councils to streamline the efficient delivery of essential infrastructure for water, wastewater, power, roads, public transport, education and other services. It has reduced the time needed to rezone land for urban purposes to around 2-3 years (from 7-10 years previously).

The release of a Precinct is based on many factors, including infrastructure availability. Throughout the Precinct Planning process, the Department and the relevant Council meet State agencies – often, all at the same time – to negotiate the scope of infrastructure requirements.

Background analysis is undertaken to determine infrastructure requirements, and draft Precinct plans are used to determine the land required for infrastructure.

After a Precinct is released, State agencies have certainty development will proceed. The Department then works with agencies to secure infrastructure requirements for Growth Centre Precincts in forward budgets and in agencies' Total Asset Management plans.

Key State agency partners include:

- **Transport New South Wales (TNSW)** – upgrading roads, rail corridors and bus routes which will be vital to the Growth Centres, including Camden Valley Way and Narellan Road in Sydney's South West.
- **Transport Construction Authority (TCA)** – managing the roll-out of the North West and South West Rail Links, and the Quakers Hill to Vineyard rail line duplication to support new communities in both Growth Centres.
- **Sydney Water** – planning for the provision of potable water, recycled water, wastewater and some stormwater services as each Precinct is developed.
- **Integral Energy** – planning the Rouse Hill to Vineyard electricity upgrade (9JA) and delivering energy infrastructure across the Growth Centres.
- **Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW)** – partnering with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to meet the provisions of biodiversity certification in the Growth Centres and to ensure the protection of significant Aboriginal heritage, bushland, waterways, open spaces and riparian issues during urban development.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure also works with the Department of Education and Training, NSW Health, NSW Police Force, NSW Fire Brigades, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the State Emergency Service and the NSW Ambulance Service to help plan for the provision of schools, medical facilities and police, justice and emergency services in the Growth Centres.