



## Central Coast Regional Draft Plan Submission – David Harris MP

After reading the CCRDP the draft plan I'm concerned that it doesn't the long term infrastructure, employment, education and health needs in the area.

Particular items affecting the Central Coast are:

1. Preparing services and infrastructure for the Central Coast's ageing population. Provision should be made for an expansion of residential aged care facilities and more consideration given to planning for residential types that support will help support ageing in place.
2. Little detail on the need for the region's future education infrastructure. EG: Potential High School for the Warnervale area.
3. No plan for improving public transport within the region. A coordinated and reliable public transport network is needed for the Central Coast with a commitment to a new Warnervale Train Station to service the growing population.
4. No plan for improving public transport connections between the Central Coast and Sydney. Tens of thousands of people commute between the Central Coast and Sydney daily and yet this plan provides little detail on how this service can be improved.
5. Very limited local community input with only one representative from each local Council. The proposed 'Coordinating and Monitoring Committee' should include private sector expertise, input from the Department of Education and Health and community input.
6. The draft regional plan mentions affordable housing but sets no delivery targets.
7. The draft plan should include climate change mitigation as a key environmental strategy for the coastal communities in the region.
8. The draft plan fails to commit to key infrastructure projects which are ready to go in places like Gwandalan and Summerland Point.
9. The draft regional plan does not make any mention on the Central Coast Regional Council.
10. The lack of a timelines and commitment for the plan is of concern.



**11.** The WARNERVALE AIRPORT (RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1996 should be kept in its current form for the residents that a regional airport would affect, particularly in consideration for the projected population boost and housing developments.

- Goal 1: Enhance community lifestyles and accelerate housing supply. An airport is incompatible with this goal as it destroys community lifestyles and makes surrounding housing undesirable to live in. It may render some areas planned for urban release unsuitable, reducing housing supply. Proposed flight paths are over or adjacent to Wyee, Mountain Road Warnervale, Alison, Watanobbi, North Wyong, Wyong, Bruce Crescent, Warnervale and the new Town Centre.

- Goal 2: Grow and diversify the regional economy. An airport at Warnervale will effectively contract the Regional Economy by sterilising valuable and unique industrial land, destroying 626 industrial jobs (SGS) and hampering economic diversity. Wyong Council said of the Warnervale Airport site in 2014, "This will become the employment hub that kick starts the Warnervale Employment Zone development estimated to create 6,000 jobs."

- Goal 3: Sustain productive landscapes. 900m of Warnervale Airport is to be located in Porters Creek Wetland which forms part of the drinking water catchment for the Central Coast. The presence of a large airport with an 1800m runway penetrating this pristine environment puts the water supply at serious risk of contamination.

- Goal 4: Protect and manage the natural and cultural environment. The airport site is surrounded by environmentally sensitive land. The 1,800m runway and safety runoff penetrates 900m into the SEPP 14 and E2 zoned Porters Creek Wetland.

I object to the Warnervale Airport being further extended because of its noise and environmental impacts and that it contravenes all of the goals in the Regional Plan.

**13.** Land zoned for industrial use or environmental conservation should be used for such and not subject to change by local Government authorities either in their current form or as a Joint Regional council.

Regards,



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