



Employment

An extract of the Sydney Region Plan, set out at Figure 16, identifies the following employment opportunities for the growth of the area:

- Planning should deliver a “30 minute” city, where people can travel to work, school, services and recreation within 30 minutes from home.
- St Leonards, a strategic centre with the sixth largest office market in the Sydney Region, should grow to provide greater access to jobs close to where people live.
- Planning should support the economic growth of the Health and Education Precinct around Royal North Shore Hospital.
- Industrial land in the Northern District is limited and demand for industrial land for population driven uses including urban services will increase in the future.

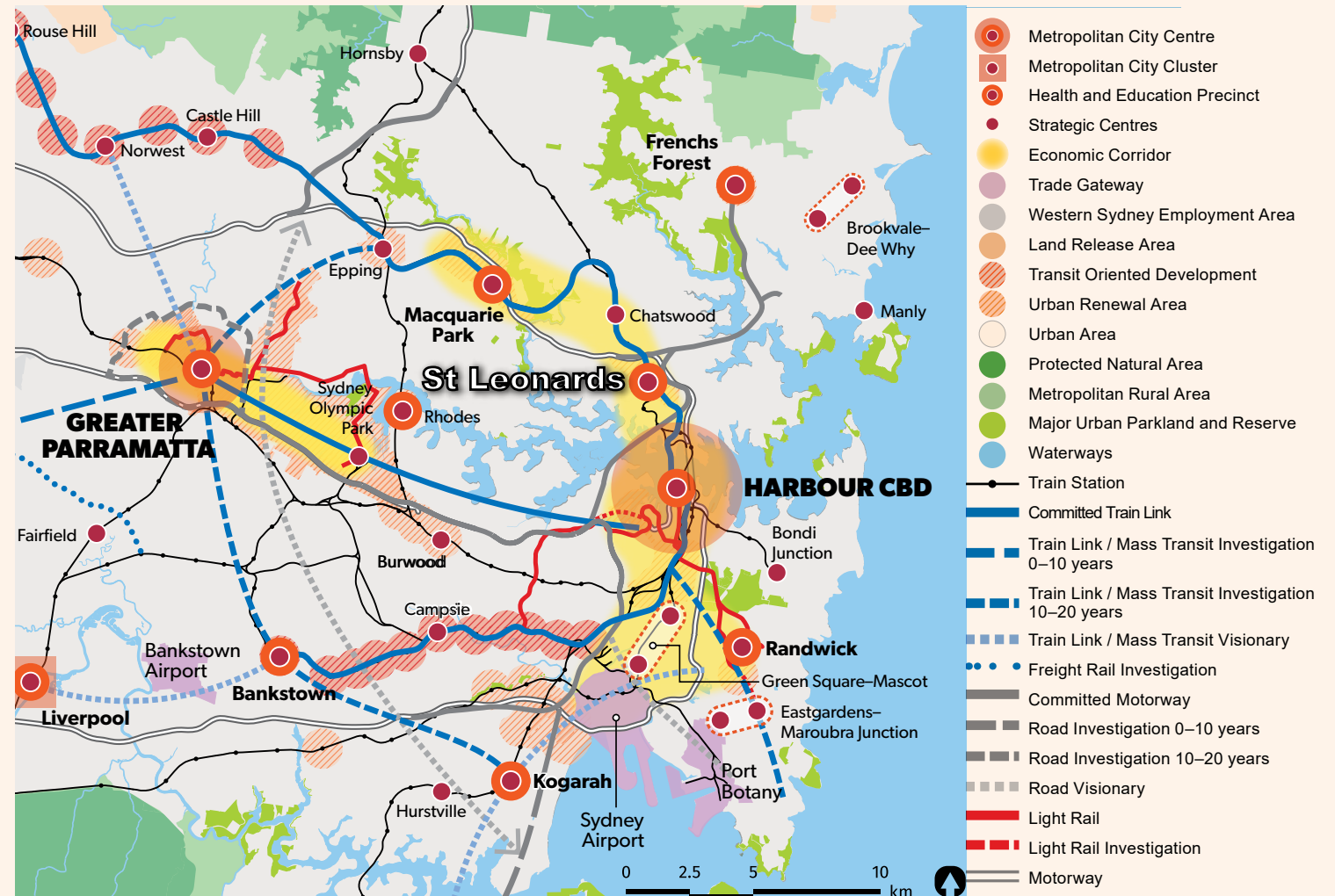


Figure 16: Sydney Region Plan map



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There are currently around 47,000 jobs in the area (2016). The area requires 16,500 new jobs by 2036 to meet the high target of 63,500 total jobs in the Greater Sydney Commission's (GSC) North District Plan.

An explanation of how the draft Plan supports jobs in the five areas shown in Figure 17, is provided on the next page.

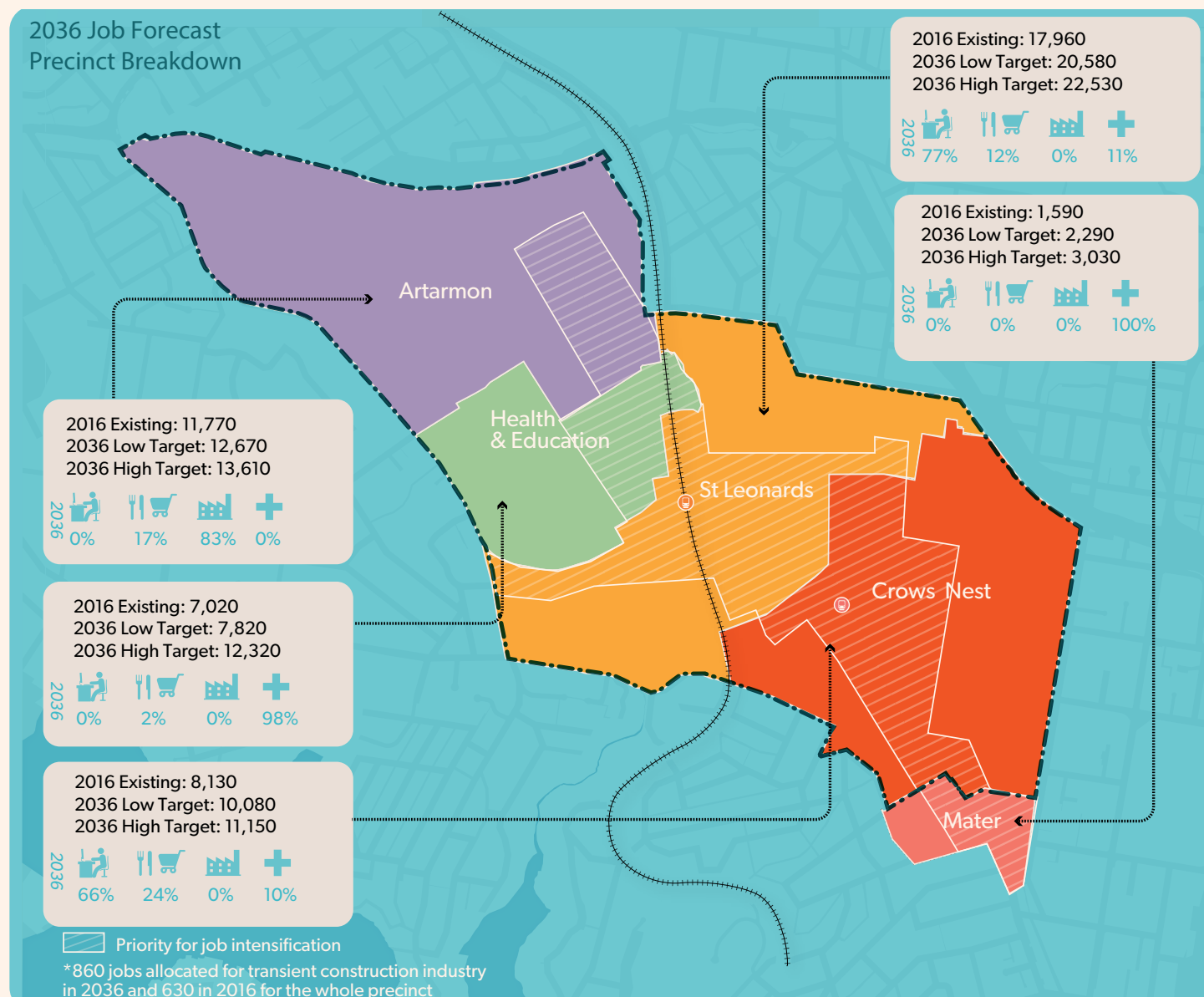
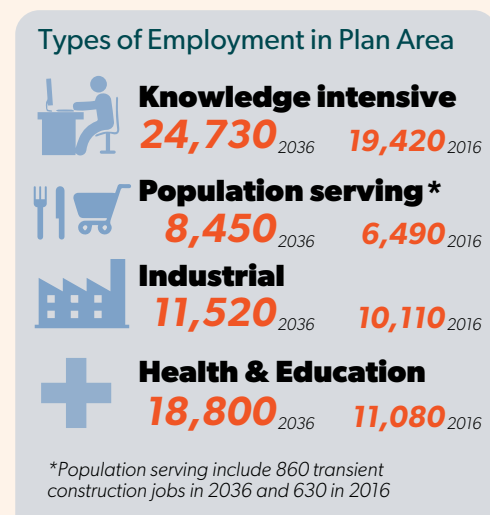


Figure 17: GSC employment forecasts



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The draft Plan proposes to accommodate these new jobs with the following measures in each of the employment areas:

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900 to 1,840 new jobs by 2036

Existing employment lands are to be protected and retain their current industrial zoning, providing jobs in essential trades and services.

The draft Plan supports intensification and the ability of these areas to adapt to change to ensure they can continue to support economic growth and employment into the future. The draft Plan proposes to retain the existing zoning and consider future proposals on an individual basis, consistent with Willoughby Council's current approach.

Health and Education

800 to 5,300 new jobs by 2036

Health uses are a major jobs driver for the area. Royal North Shore Hospital campus is an anchor for health jobs and supporting businesses.

An alliance with NSW Health, Education, the Department and the local councils will investigate emerging opportunities provided by the health and education precinct to expand jobs both within the precinct and the wider plan area.

St Leonards

2620 to 4,570 new jobs by 2036

St Leonards plays a significant economic role as the sixth largest office market in the Sydney Region.

New 'A Grade' employment floorspace opportunities will be unlocked through mixed use development with minimum requirements for office floor space to balance the proportion of employment to residential uses.

The plan retains commercial zoning on some large sites in and around the St Leonards core and along the Pacific Highway that would suit large office-based businesses. This provides opportunities for longer term job growth and changes in the office market or the way offices are designed.

The draft Plan also acknowledges that delivery of a high quality public domain and supporting services is important to attract knowledge sector businesses to the St Leonards office market.

Crows Nest

1950 to 3,020 new jobs by 2036

Employment uses in the Crows Nest Village are mainly local retail shops, population serving businesses and smaller professional services businesses.

Willoughby Road and the surrounding streets that form the Crows Nest Village will retain their current planning controls to maintain the vibrancy and character of this important high street.

A similar balance of mixed use developments and standalone commercial sites are proposed closer to the Sydney Metro and St Leonards. The draft Plan is undertaking a fine grain analysis to ensure new development respects the character of these important areas.

The Mater Hospital

700 to 1,440 new jobs by 2036

The Mater hospital is located at the southern end of the precinct and is supported by a range of allied health services nearby along the Pacific Highway. The long-term growth of health uses throughout the area is a focus of the plan supported by some areas of the Pacific Highway corridor having minimum commercial floorspace requirements.

Note: the above figures assume there will be an additional 230 transient jobs in the area by 2036.



Above: Royal North Shore Hospital



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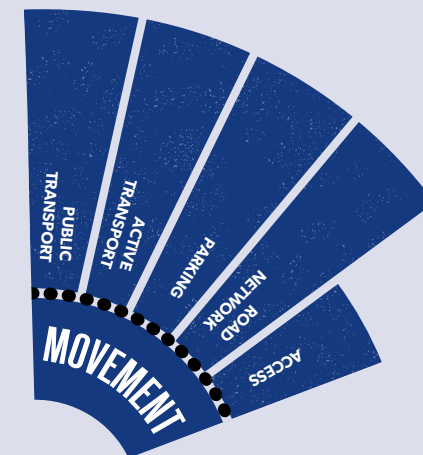


You like how well connected the area is, however, would like to see more vibrant and safer streets between key destinations in the area.

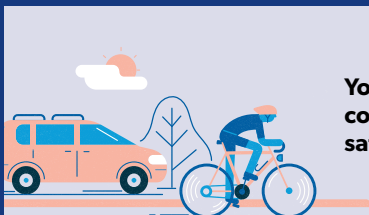
THE LOCAL CHARACTER STATEMENT PRINCIPLE IS

Deliver connectivity improvements to and around St Leonards and Crows Nest stations to make it easy to travel to schools, work, shops and meet up with friends both within the area and further afield.

HOW THE DRAFT PLAN RESPONDED



- Including pedestrian improvements to key civic streets and Atchison Street, Sergeants Lane, Clarke Lane and Christie Lane to make it safer and more enjoyable to move around on foot.



You want better cycling options and connections outside of the area to make it safer and more enjoyable to get around.

Investigate new and improved cycleways and walkways to make it easy, safe and comfortable to move within the local area.

- Proposing a new north south link called the Foreshore to Foreshore link, which will connect key destinations to the regional pedestrian and cyclist network area. This new link is proposed to be funded by the Special Infrastructure Contribution.



At different times during the day, River Road, the Pacific Highway and Chandos Street are difficult to cross as a pedestrian or cyclist and sometimes feels unsafe.

Consider more opportunities to safely cross the Pacific Highway.

- Recommending new or improved crossings for further investigation in the next stage of the project.



You have differing views about how best to manage parking and traffic congestion with some wanting to see more parking provided in the future, and others preferring to see alternative transport solutions.

Consider a coordinated parking strategy to manage the community's needs, while minimising traffic congestion.

- Proposing a study to determine the right balance of parking, accessibility and connectivity, with the Crows Nest Sydney Metro coming online, to support local business while mitigating additional traffic from future development.