## Liverpool

## **REGIONAL CITY OF THE SOUTH WEST**

Liverpool is the Regional City serving Sydney's south west and parts of the West Central Subregion. It is the major employment destination (16,000 jobs), transport hub and the main regional shopping centre for the south west. The Metropolitan Plan targets employment capacity of 31,000 jobs for Liverpool Regional City by 2036.

Liverpool's underlying city grid street layout, the road and rail links to Parramatta and Central Sydney and riverside setting contribute to its capacity to attract and accommodate growth as a Regional City. Major urban growth areas including the South West Growth Centre and Hoxton Park are in the Liverpool catchment.

The city is supported by key assets including:

- State investment in the major Liverpool Teaching Hospital and nearby TAFE that form the basis of an 'Education–Medical' cluster
- Recreation and cultural facilities including Chipping Norton Lakes, Casula Powerhouse and Warwick Farm Racecourse and its cluster of equine industries
- Liverpool Station and bus interchange which is supported by the Liverpool to Parramatta Transitway and rail connections to Parramatta, Campbelltown and Sydney CBD along the Cumberland and East Hills Lines with planned higher frequency services on three major rail lines linking to

the city as well as the Cumberland Line which (together with the Transitway) links with Parramatta

 Georges River and its open space corridor

The proposed development of Moorebank Intermodal Terminal and the proposal for a co-located freight village would potentially create employment opportunities in transport and logistics on the edge of the city and promote supporting commercial activity across the city. The development of the *NSW Freight Strategy* will be an opportunity to consult the local community to ensure local impacts are understood and appropriately managed.

The development of a *Regional City Transport Strategy for Liverpool* in collaboration with Liverpool Council will strengthen the capacity of the city centre to accommodate future growth and make best use of existing transport infrastructure such as the Transitway, M7 Motorway, enhancements to the F5 Freeway and M5 Motorway, and further capacity to be delivered by the *Western Express Program* together with new connections including the South West Rail Link from Glenfield to Leppington.

Liverpool has attracted pockets of medium and high density housing, taking advantage of employment around the hospital and the amenity and availability of shops and services in the city centre. A substantial public housing component exists at Warwick Farm and throughout the city.

Notwithstanding its advantages. Liverpool's employment growth has not kept pace with residential growth in its catchment. Increased investment opportunities are needed to serve metropolitan and national markets and diversify employment. Liverpool needs to attract investment in business services, especially the fast growing knowledge-based service sectors while building its health, education, retail and community services base. An employment and economic development strategy for Liverpool and its surrounds should be jointly supported by Council and the NSW Government, which would be integrated with the vision set out by the Regional Cities Taskforce for the Liverpool City Centre Plan.

It is essential Liverpool Council and the NSW Government nurture growth opportunities, make the city increasingly attractive and retain its capacity for employment and investment growth. This will boost city image over time, improve job containment and promote equity of access to jobs and facilities in Sydney's south west to support a substantial future population.

