

Assessment against Key Strategic Documents

Greater Sydney Region Plan

The Greater Sydney Region Plan (the Region Plan) was released by the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) on 18 March 2018. The Region Plan has a vision and plan to manage growth and change in the context of economic, social and environmental matters.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant Direction and Objectives of the Plan as summarised in **Table 1**

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Direction	Objective	Officer Comment
<u>Direction 3</u> Infrastructure & Collaboration - A City supported by Infrastructure	Objective 1: Infrastructure supports the three cities	The proposal adjoins the established area of Oran Park and represents a logical extension of existing and planned infrastructure for the area, including servicing infrastructure and the provision of social infrastructure including schools and a recreational lake.
	Objective 2: Infrastructure aligns with forecast growth-growth infrastructure compact	The proposal is consistent with this objective. The proposal would facilitate between 2,530 to 2,850 dwellings, with the site being located in the SWGA. The proposal would assist with the realisation of Council's 10-year housing target.
	Objective 3: Infrastructure adapts to meet future needs	The Pondicherry Lake Precinct provides the opportunity for adaptive and technologically advanced uses, including through mixed use development and green infrastructure.
	Objective 4: Infrastructure use is optimised	<p>The proposal would require minimal investment in trunk or supporting infrastructure due to the ongoing upgrades and established networks along The Northern Road and Oran Park.</p> <p>The spare capacity in existing infrastructure provides strong justification for the proposed housing growth.</p>
	Objective 5: Benefits of growth realised by collaboration of governments, community and business	The proposal would provide residential housing within the SWGA to meet current and future demand. The delivery of this housing would provide further justification for the committed infrastructure through the 'Western Sydney City Deal'.

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		The proposal would also be delivered through collaboration between State and Local Government.
<u>Direction 4</u> Liveability- A City for People	Objective 6: Services and infrastructure meet communities' changing needs	<p>The proposal is supported by a social infrastructure assessment which assessed existing and future demographics of the community.</p> <p>The draft ILP responds to this assessment through the delivery of active and passive open space, schools, child care and retail uses to meet the needs of the future community.</p> <p>Other high order services, including healthcare, aged care, higher education, and emergency services to be delivered within Oran Park or surrounding centres.</p>
	Objective 7: Communities are healthy, resilient and socially connected	<p>The proposal is consistent with this objective by providing different modes of travel throughout Pondicherry, integrating with Oran Park.</p> <p>The draft ILP encourages pedestrian and cycle movement by providing well connected shared paths which connect to the wider Blue and Green Grid.</p>
	<p>Objective 10: Greater Housing Supply</p> <p>Objective 11: Housing is more diverse and affordable</p>	<p>The Region Plan identifies that future greenfield housing needs to be delivered within the current Urban Area (including the SWGA).</p> <p>The proposal would facilitate between 2,530 to 2,850 dwellings, with the site being located in the SWGA. The proposal would contribute to Council's 6-10-year housing target.</p> <p>The proposal is consistent with these objectives by providing additional housing opportunities in the right location.</p> <p>A range of low and medium density housing opportunities are available to be delivered within the proposed ILP.</p>
	Objective 12: Great Places that bring people together	The proposal is consistent with this objective by providing good quality open spaces. This comprises a lake system

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		and district playing field to create additional opportunities for the community to gather.
	Objective 13: Environmental heritage is conserved and enhanced	<p>There are no sites of European heritage significance located in Pondicherry.</p> <p>The Maryland Homestead is the nearest item of significance and is in Lowes Creek Marylands. The Lowes Creek Maryland ILP provides residential development between the Maryland curtilage and The Northern Road .</p> <p>In this context to balance European Heritage outcomes with the Governments priorities of new housing within the SWGA, it is considered that Pondicherry would not pose an impact on the heritage values of the Maryland Homestead and curtilage.</p> <p>The Aboriginal Heritage assessment determined that with appropriate management and/or mitigation, none of the identified Aboriginal heritage features found on site should prevent development of the Pondicherry Precinct.</p> <p>Notwithstanding an AHIP over the site would be required, with consultation undertaken with 34 registered Aboriginal stakeholders.</p> <p>Aboriginal heritage is to be focused on maintaining continuity of movement along the South Creek Riparian Corridor reflecting the significance of the corridor to Aboriginal people and their way of life.</p> <p>The creek corridors within the SWGA are being protected and restored with the planned urban development.</p> <p>Restoration of the movement network and biodiversity values of South Creek are encouraged through the provisions of the DCP. It is planned for South Creek to include a share path connection for the length of the corridor.</p>

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		The environmentally sensitive creek corridors would be zoned C2 Environmental Conservation and identified as areas of Native Vegetation Retention.
<u>Direction 5</u> Productivity – A Well Connected City	Objective 14: A Metropolis of Three Cities – Integrated land use and transport creates walkable and 30-minute cities	The proposal is consistent with this objective by ensuring the surrounding transport network including roads, active transport options and public transport forms an integrated road network.
	Objective 17: Regional transport is integrated with land use	The proposed road network would link to Oran Park via internal roads as well as to the future Western Sydney Airport and Narellan Town Centre via The Northern Road.
	Objective 20: Western Sydney Airport and Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis are economic catalysts for Western Parkland City	The proposal is consistent with this objective by providing residential development to support the future Western Sydney Airport and Aerotropolis.
<u>Direction 6</u> Sustainability – A City in its Landscape	Objective 26: A Cool and Green Parkland City in the South Creek Corridor	The proposal is consistent with these objectives by providing and conserving the riparian corridors of South Creek and Anthony Creek, with a portion of Ron's Creek forming part of the Oran Park precinct.
	Objective 27: Biodiversity is Protected, Urban Bushland and Remnant Vegetation is enhanced	
	Objective 30: Urban Tree Canopy Cover is Increased	The proposal is consistent with the objective through the implementation of a Tree Masterplan including a Street Tree Masterplan that maximises street tree planting opportunities.
	Objective 31: Public Open Space is Accessible, Protected and Enhanced	<p>The draft ILP provides a network of accessible and high quality open spaces.</p> <p>In the draft ILP all dwellings are located within 400m of local passive open space and the higher density residential are located adjacent to the high amenity Lake Precinct.</p> <p>The quantum of both passive and active open space is provided proportionate with the established benchmarks.</p>

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		<p>The proposed K-6 Primary School is provided adjacent to active open space.</p> <p>Pondicherry proposes an extensive high-quality pedestrian network, utilising enhanced street cross sections, and green corridors.</p>
	Objective 32: The Green Grid Links Parks, Open Spaces, Bushland and Walking and Cycling Paths	<p>The Green Grid opportunities identified within the Region Plan for Pondicherry include South Creek.</p> <p>The part of South Creek in Pondicherry is proposed to be zoned C2 Environmental Conservation.</p>

Table 1: Assessment against Greater Sydney Region Plan

Western City District Plan

The Western Sydney District Plan (the District Plan) was released by the GSC on 18 March 2018. The District Plan guides the 20-year growth of the district to improve its social, economic and environmental assets.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant Planning Priorities and Actions of the District Plan as summarised in **Table 2**

Western City District Plan	
Planning Priority	Officer Comment
<p><u>Planning Priority W1</u></p> <p>Planning for a city supported by infrastructure</p>	<p>The site is located adjoining Oran Park and would benefit from the established infrastructure.</p> <p>The site is well serviced by the surrounding arterial road network which includes upgrades to Camden Valley Way and The Northern Road.</p> <p>The construction of Gregory Hills Drive also provides an additional east-west connection between Camden and Campbelltown and direct access to the Campbelltown Railway Station.</p> <p>The site is also serviced by the social infrastructure delivered within Oran Park. These include sporting facilities, youth recreation facilities, a community library, schools, child care centres and aged care facilities. Pondicherry would supplement these existing facilities as the Precinct grows.</p>

Western City District Plan Planning Priority	Officer Comment
<u>Planning Priority W2</u> Working through collaboration	The proposal is consistent with this priority. Pondicherry is being planned collaboratively with DPE, Council and the landowner.
<u>Planning Priority W3</u> Providing services and social infrastructure to meet people's changing needs	The proposal includes a K-6 school, a K-12 school, district playing fields, integrated neighbourhood and community centre and additional public open space.
<u>Planning Priority W4</u> Fostering healthy, creative, culturally rich and socially connected communities	<p>The proposal is consistent with this priority by providing cycleways and shared paths to connect to the broader pedestrian/cycle network.</p> <p>Pondicherry is planned to integrate with the wider Oran Park Precinct.</p> <p>The draft ILP promotes strong pedestrian and cycle connections via a permeable road network, the higher order road system, and green links to all surrounding land uses.</p>
<u>Planning Priority W5</u> Providing housing supply, choice and affordability, with access to jobs and services	The proposal is consistent with this priority by providing housing near Oran Park, Aerotropolis, and Narellan. It also provides additional population to support local and regional commercial centres.
<u>Planning Priority W6</u> Creating and renewing great places and local centres, and respecting the District's heritage	The proposal is consistent with this priority by providing opportunities to celebrate Aboriginal cultural heritage facilitated through the DCP.
<u>Planning Priority W7</u> Establishing the land use and transport structure to deliver a liveable, productive and sustainable Western Parkland City	<p>The proposal ensures that surrounding roads, active transport and public transport are integrated with Pondicherry.</p> <p>This includes facilitating the delivery of sub-arterial roads (bus capable) Oran Park Drive and Maryland Link Road No.2. The proposal also accounts for the reserved North South Rail Corridor.</p> <p>The proposed road network would link to Oran Park via internal roads, as well as Narellan and the future Western Sydney Airport via The Northern Road.</p>
<u>Planning Priority W12</u> Protecting and improving the health and enjoyment of the District's waterways.	<p>The proposal is consistent with these objectives by preserving and enhancing riparian corridors. These riparian corridors also include the preservation of hollow bearing trees and dead stags which are important habitats for local wildlife.</p> <p>The provision of the proposed lake further enhances the enjoyment of the waterway.</p>

Western City District Plan Planning Priority		Officer Comment
<u>Planning Priority W14</u> Protecting and enhancing bushland and biodiversity		The proposal is consistent with this Direction as it would strengthen and enhance the existing natural environment by retaining and enhancing riparian corridors and providing connectivity to the broader open space and Blue and Green Grid network.
<u>Planning Priority W15</u> Increasing urban tree canopy cover and deliver Green Grid connections		The proposal seeks to increase urban canopy cover via the Pondicherry Tree Strategy. The proposal would also include additional areas of open space which would connect to the broader open space network throughout the Camden LGA.

Table 2: Assessment against Western City District Plan

South West Growth Area Structure Plan and Guidelines

In December 2022, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) released an updated Structure Plan for the Growth Area with a supporting Guideline and s9.1 Ministerial Direction. The update was required as several significant changes have occurred in time including a boundary adjustment due to the Aerotropolis, transport corridors, State Heritage Items being listed, and green connectivity.

By 2040, it is anticipated that the SWGA will be a thriving and greener place while providing improved housing choice, accessibility to shops and school as well as various transport options to connect to surrounding areas.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant principles and objectives of the SWGA Structure Plan and Guidelines as summarised in **Table 3**.

Principle and Theme	Consistency
Starting with Country	
Understanding of Cultural Values	An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment has been undertaken to inform the preparation of the Indicative Layout Plan. Further consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties will be undertaken during public exhibition.
Masterplanning	An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment has been undertaken to inform the preparation of the Indicative Layout Plan. Further consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties will be undertaken during public exhibition. Riparian corridors, waterways (in particular the South Creek Corridor) and existing landforms will be protected as identified in the relevant technical studies.
Future Community outcomes	An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment has been undertaken to inform the preparation of the Indicative Layout Plan. Further consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties will be undertaken during public exhibition.

Principle and Theme	Consistency
Deliver housing supply and choice	
Housing Supply	The draft planning proposal addresses housing supply in accordance with the District Plan, LSPS and LHS. The proposal will provide for increased housing supply and diversity within the South West Growth Area through the implementation of several residential density bands.
Housing Affordability	The proposal would facilitate between 2,530 to 2,850 dwellings, with the site being located in the SWGA. The proposal would contribute to Council's 6-10-year housing target. The proposal is consistent with these objectives by providing additional housing opportunities in the right location. A range of low and medium density housing opportunities are available to be delivered within the proposed ILP.
Provide opportunities for jobs closer to home	
Local and Neighbourhood Centres	The draft planning proposal includes a large neighbourhood centre within the Lake Precinct, and an additional small neighbourhood centre. The size and location of these centres have been informed by the preparation of multiple technical studies including a retail demand assessment.
Deliver high quality public open space	
Overall open space	The draft Planning Proposal proposes to include 11.6ha of passive open space (excluding the lake waterbody) and 11.6ha of active open space. In the pre-gateway report to Council it was outlined that the proposal demonstrates Planning Merit as it supports the delivery of open space via the provision of multiple local parks, two double playing fields, hard courts and land for district open space.
Local Parks	
District Parks	
Sports Fields	
Sports courts/multicourts	
Improve riparian corridor and waterway health and biodiversity connectivity	
Biodiversity Certification	The Planning Proposal includes a Biodiversity Assessment Report and Biodiversity Certification Consistency Report which identifies the site as containing 1.6ha of Existing Native Vegetation (ENV), which will be fully protected within the Precinct and contained in land zoned C2 Environmental Conservation. This assessment report also proposes amendments to the Biodiversity Certification Mapping to align with the detailed site assessments conducted as part of this rezoning.
Connectivity – Blue Green Grid	The Planning Proposal includes connectivity by locating open space in proximity to the South Creek Corridor and proposed lake precinct. The proposed ILP will facilitate connectivity to the blue and green grid across the precinct.

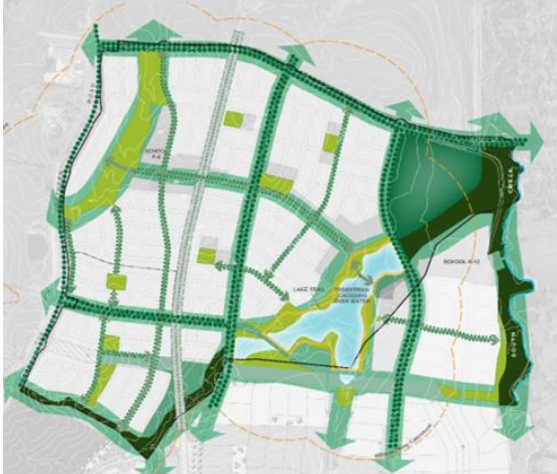
Principle and Theme	Consistency
	<p>The proposal will contribute to east-west connections between precincts through tree lined links from South Creek to the west, linking to The Northern Road. An east west Green Link connection is proposed through the centre of Pondicherry and an east west corridor is proposed along Pondicherry's southern interface with Oran Park.</p> 
Be resilient to Climate Change	
Tree Canopy Cover	The Planning Proposal will enhance tree canopy cover as identified in the Pondicherry Tree Strategy (appendix 29) and proposed DCP provisions.
Plan for connected communities	
Local and Regional	The Planning Proposal is supported by a proposed Voluntary Planning Agreement for infrastructure delivery.
Plan for Social Infrastructure	
Education	The draft Planning Proposal will provide for sufficient social infrastructure and community facilities including active and passive open space, a proposed public K-6 School, and a proposed private K-12 School.
Ambulance, Police and Fire and Rescue	
Community Facilities	

Table 3: Assessment Against South West Growth Area Structure Plan Guide

Camden Community Strategic Plan

The Connecting Camden Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2036 acknowledges that Camden's urban landscape is changing and that there is a need to ensure that everyone has access to quality environments that are well planned and designed, maintained and built to last for future generations. The CSP also acknowledges that the green spaces, natural and rural landscapes, and waterways are special spaces with cultural and heritage values to the community.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant strategic directions and objectives of CSP as summarised in **Table 4**.

Community Strategic Plan Strategy	Officer Comment
<p>Key Direction - Liveable</p> <p>LB2 - Our public spaces and places are vibrant and accessible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB2.1 Ensure homes, infrastructure and facilities are well planned, delivered and maintained to create high quality urban and rural environments that meet our diverse needs and respond to our climate • LB2.2 Enhance town centres and public spaces • LB2.3 Identify and maintain city heritage and culture 	<p>The proposal is consistent with this direction as it would facilitate additional homes with quality public spaces that are easily accessed. The proposal includes a neighbourhood centre that will serve as a focal point for the precinct and connect residents with natural resources.</p> <p>The proposal includes consideration and controls for future development to ensure that aboriginal and cultural heritage is maintained and celebrated.</p>
<p>Key Direction - Prosperous</p> <p>P2 - Our LGA provides diverse local job opportunities, supported by skills and training pathways to employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P2.1 Strengthen education, training and career pathways 	<p>The proposed Pondicherry precinct includes a new public school, which is intended to be zoned to allow future acquisition by the relevant state agency. The proposal is consistent with this direction through the provision of future educational uses.</p>
<p>Key Direction - Balanced</p> <p>B1- Our natural environment and waterways are protected, well maintained and enhanced for community enjoyment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1.2 Maintain, protect and increase Camden's tree canopy • B1.3 Manage the impact and integration of population growth responsibly within our natural environment • B1.5 Maintain and enhance the natural environment 	<p>The proposal is consistent with this Direction as it would strengthen and enhance the existing natural environment by retaining and enhancing riparian corridors and providing connectivity to the broader open space and Blue and Green Grid network.</p>

Table 4: Assessment against Community Strategic Plan

Camden Local Strategic Planning Statement

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is a 20-year planning vision, emphasising land use, transport and sustainability objectives to demonstrate how Camden LGA would change to meet the community's needs over the next 20 years.

The proposal is consistent with the relevant strategic directions and objectives of the LSPS as summarised in **Table 5**.

Camden Local Strategic Planning Statement		
Theme	Local Priority	Officer Comment
Infrastructure and Collaboration	Priority 1: Aligning Infrastructure with Growth Delivery	The proposal is located in the SWGA which is designated for future urban growth. The proposal is consistent with this priority as it would facilitate further expansion of infrastructure, road upgrades and the further release of precincts.
	Priority 2: Connecting Camden through Integrated Transport Solutions	The proposal is consistent with this priority by ensuring the surrounding transport network including roads, active transport and public transport is integrated into the proposed network of Pondicherry. This includes facilitating the delivery of sub-arterial roads (bus capable) Oran Park Drive, Maryland Links Road and North South Rail Corridor. The proposed road network would link Pondicherry to Oran Park via internal roads, as well as Narellan and the future Western Sydney Airport via The Northern Road.
	Priority 3: Planning for the Delivery of the North South Rail and South West Rail Link Extension	The proposal accounts for the reserved North South Rail corridor and plans development accordingly.
	Priority 4: Working in Partnership to Deliver a More Liveable, Productive and Sustainable Camden	Pondicherry is being planned collaboratively with the Department of Planning and Environment, Council and the landowner.
Liveability	Priority 1: Providing Housing Choice and Affordability for Camden's Growing and Changing Population	The proposal is consistent with this local priority by providing additional housing to meet the needs of the growing community in the Camden LGA. The precinct includes a mix of low and medium density housing opportunities.
Liveability	Priority 3: Providing Services and Facilities to Foster a Healthy and Socially Connected Community	The draft ILP responds to the Social Infrastructure Assessment through the planned delivery of active and passive open space, schools, child care and retail uses to meet the needs of the future community, with higher order services including healthcare, aged care, higher education, emergency services being delivered or already delivered within Oran Park or surrounding centres. The planning for Pondicherry promotes the delivery of healthy, resilient, and socially connected communities.
Sustainability	Priority 1: Improving the Accessibility and Connectivity of Camden's Green & Blue Grid and	The proposal is consistent with this local priority by designing a well-connected development which provides integrated shared and pedestrian paths to the broader network in the Camden LGA.

Camden Local Strategic Planning Statement		
Theme	Local Priority	Officer Comment
	Delivering High Quality Open Space	In particular, the proposal provides walking tracks along the riparian corridor, and shared paths along sub-arterial, collector and green link roads.
	Priority 2: Protecting & Enhancing the Health of Camden's Waterways, and Strengthening the Role and Prominence of the Nepean River	The proposal is consistent with this local priority by ensuring that the riparian corridors are maintained and enhanced and providing connectivity to the broader open space and Blue and Green Grid network of the Camden LGA and Western City.
	Priority 6: Improving Camden's Resilience to Natural Hazards and Extreme Weather Events	The Pondicherry Tree Masterplan seeks to strengthen the establishment of an urban canopy to mitigate urban heat, along with the proposed lake precinct. The proposal is that is consistent with this local priority by providing a stormwater management system consistent with the principles of water sensitive urban design system which will ensure that stormwater run-off levels meet pre-development levels. Emergency services are being delivered or already delivered within Oran Park or surrounding centres and the draft ILP is consistent with bushfire protection principles and legislation.

Table 5: Assessment against the Camden Local Strategic Planning Statement

Camden Local Housing Strategy

The Local Housing Strategy (LHS) sets out Council's vision for housing in the Camden Local Government Area (LGA) over the next 10 and 20 years. It draws on a body of evidence to create a set of housing priorities and objectives specific to the Camden LGA, with associated implementation actions and timeframes.

The draft Planning Proposal does not provide an assessment against the LHS. Council officer's assessment of the proposal against the relevant objectives of the LHS is summarised in **Table 6**.

LHS	Officer Comment
<i>Objective 1: There is sufficient planning capacity to meet forecast housing demand</i>	The proposal contributes to Council's commitment to meet planning capacities. The precinct proposes to facilitate 2,530 to 2,850 dwellings, which is in line with the 6-10 year housing target of 12,700 to 15,200 dwellings.
<i>Objective 2: Precincts in the SWGA are planned and released to align with infrastructure provision</i>	The provision of utility services such as water, sewage, gas, electricity and telecommunications has been investigated and confirmed to be feasible. The proposal is supported by a draft VPA letter of offer for the delivery of infrastructure to support Pondicherry and its future community.

LHS	Officer Comment
<i>Objective 4: Neighbourhood design supports healthy and connected communities that are better placed</i>	The draft ILP has been designed to ensure well connected streets that promote walking and cycling through the provision of shared paths along riparian corridors, sub-arterial and collector roads. The proponent's vision is to create a community with high amenity and urban design quality that would be a source of community pride and identity, leveraging the services and facilities of the established Oran Park precinct and the developing Western City.
<i>Objective 5: Increase Camden LGA's green cover and urban tree canopy</i>	The proposed precinct would contribute to this objective through the Pondicherry Tree Masterplan, which has included designs to maximise street tree planting and tree canopy within the precinct.
<i>Objective 6: Housing density is strategically located to activate town centres, promote walkability and optimise infrastructure</i>	The precinct proposes a mix of low and medium density housing opportunity. The proposed medium density zonings are located strategically near neighbourhood centres, open space and schools to promote walkability.
<i>Objective 9: The mix of housing types matches the changing needs and preferences of the community</i>	As previously mentioned, the proposed precinct provides for low density and medium density residential zonings, as well as density bands to enable a mix of housing opportunities to meet the needs of the evolving community.

Table 6: Assessment against Local Housing Strategy

Camden Centres and Employment Strategy

The Centres and Employment Land Strategy (CELS) sets out Council's vision for centres and employment land in the Camden LGA over the next 20 years. It draws on a body of evidence to create a set of priorities and objectives specific to the Camden LGA, with associated implementation actions and timeframes.

The draft Planning Proposal does not provide an assessment against the CELS. Council officer's assessment of the proposal against the relevant objectives of the CELS is summarised in **Table 7**.

CELS	Officer Comment
<i>Direction 1: A network of successful, integrated and attractive retail centres</i>	<p>The development of an eastern neighbourhood centre and a smaller western centre in Pondicherry would ensure residents are within walking distance of retail offerings.</p> <p>These accessible local centres provide an important function in the retail hierarchy of Camden.</p>
<i>Guiding Criteria for Planning proposals – 3 . Proposed centres in greenfield areas should be established early in the</i>	The timing for delivery of the Pondicherry eastern and western neighbourhood centres is unknown and will be influenced by demand driven by population growth.

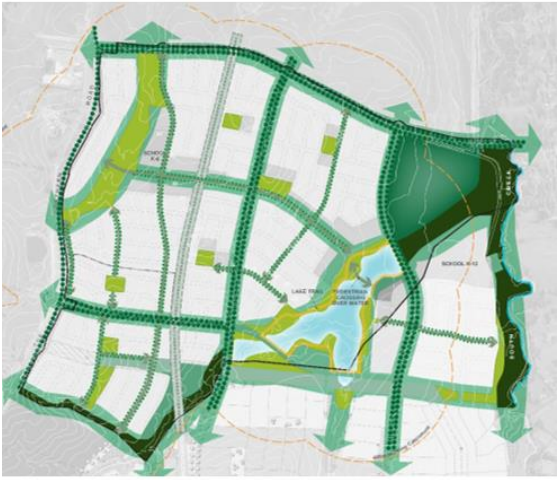
CELS	Officer Comment
<i>development process.</i>	

Table 7: Assessment against the Centres and Employment Land Strategy

Draft Greener Places, Healthier Waterways: A Vision for the Camden Green and Blue Grid

The draft *Greener Places, Healthier Waterways: A Vision for the Camden Green and Blue Grid (draft vision)* outlines Council's approach to join and enhance green open spaces, biodiversity corridors, riparian areas, and natural bushland (the Green Grid) using creeks, rivers, lakes and streams (the Blue Grid) as the backbone for these connections.

The draft Planning Proposal does not provide an assessment against the draft vision. Council officer's assessment of the proposal against the relevant objectives of draft vision is summarised in **Table 7**.

Key Recommendations	Officer Comment
1. Create linear open space 'Green Grid' corridors to promote walking, cycling and public transport usage, and to provide important habitat corridors for animals and wildlife.	The proposed Indicative Layout Plan and draft DCP includes specific images and controls relating to a blue-green grid network, cycle/shared paths and public transport infrastructure.
3. Create more east-west links of trees and vegetation across the local grid to connect Town Centres and river and creek systems – This will provide a steppingstone of habitats for animals to move between as well as provide shade for people to move about their local area.	<p>The proposal will contribute to east-west connections between precincts through tree lined links from South Creek to the west, linking to The Northern Road. An east west Green Link connection is proposed through the centre of Pondicherry and an east west corridor is proposed along Pondicherry's southern interface with Oran Park.</p> 
4. Keep existing farm dams and wetlands when designing new and future suburbs – these will provide a water source for wildlife and create	The existing farm dams on the site are proposed to be reconfigured into the proposed lake. The proposed lake will act as a stormwater detention basin.

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focal point within new open spaces for people to enjoy.	
5. Use the electricity easements as green links by vegetating these areas with low native planting – offering new walking and cycling tracks for people to use as well as creating new biodiversity links for wildlife.	The proposed ILP involves the expansion of the sharepath network to create east west connections within the transmission line corridor, linking Anthony Creek, Ron's Creek and South Creek
8. Retain and restore vegetation around South Creek and Kemps Creek when planning for development.	The South Creek corridor is proposed to be maintained and enhanced.
9. Connect key destinations within towns by planting trees along new roads, active transport routes (e.g. walking and cycling tracks), near future railway stations and near community and retail centres to create a series of local 'green grid' loops	The proposal includes a Tree Masterplan that will achieve tree canopy along streets and pedestrian/shared paths. The key pedestrian/shared paths are located along higher order roads to ensure connections to key infrastructure and centres.
10. Use rivers and creeks as the main structure for the local Green Grid, promoting the Nepean River and South Creek as strong 'Blue Grid' connections	Anthony Creek, Ron's Creek and South Creek corridor are proposed to be linked via a green grid connection.
11. Protect and restore bushland.	The South Creek riparian corridor is proposed to be maintained and enhanced.
12. Investigate ways to retain water in the environment by incorporating Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) into new builds, public domain projects and during the master planning for new suburbs.	The proposed lake system will act as a stormwater detention basin for the precinct. Stormwater will be treated by a series of Gross Pollutant Traps and Bioretention basins prior to entering the lake body. The proposed lake seeks to retain water in the landscape. Pondicherry's Water Cycle Management Strategy involves implementation of water sensitive urban design features.
14. Return waterways to a more natural state.	The existing farm dams will be reconfigured to create the proposed lake. The lake system will connect to existing riparian corridors and South Creek, which are proposed to be maintained and enhanced.

Table 7: Assessment against the draft Greener Places, Healthier Waterways: A Vision for the Camden Green and Blue Grid