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GREATER CITIES COMMISSION TO SHAPE THE SIX CITIES MEGA REGION

The Greater Cities Commission will be tasked with developing the six cities vision for metropolitan NSW, following the passage of landmark legislation this week.

Minister for Cities Rob Stokes said by bringing Newcastle, the Central Coast and Wollongong together with Sydney in our strategic planning, we are positioning the six cities of metropolitan NSW to be more prosperous, safer, cleaner, smarter and more fun to live in or visit.

“The Premier has set out his vision for the six cities, and the Greater Cities Commission will allow us to plan for a dynamic, diverse and globally competitive region,” Mr Stokes said.

“Like San Francisco’s Bay Area, the Netherlands’ Randstad and China’s Pearl River Delta, a region of interconnected cities can be more productive, resilient and innovative than cities standing alone. With three international airports, three deep water ports and six of the world’s top 200 universities, we have an enviable base to build our future.

“Thinking laterally will deliver better jobs, housing, education, health and lifestyle opportunities for a population which is expected to hit eight million in the next two decades.”

Recruitment will begin soon for the new City Commissioners for the Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle, Central Coast and Illawarra-Shoalhaven Cities. The City Commissioners will be appointed in close consultation with relevant councils.

The Commission will develop a six cities strategic plan for discussion in mid-2022, before the finalisation of a new Region Plan by the end of 2023.

The Commission will consider important initiatives on fast and faster rail and better digital connections as key to the success of the region.

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