



Statement of Intent between the ACT Government and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

The proximity of the ACT and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) requires an effective and productive relationship to support beneficial regional outcomes. This Statement of Intent reaffirms the ACT Government and QPRC's commitment to continued collaboration and outlines the principles and priority areas of engagement to be progressed.

The Statement builds on the Letter of Intent signed in 2016 to signal the intention of the ACT Government and QPRC to formalise a relationship aligned with the regional priorities articulated in the *ACT and NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration* and the *NSW South East and Tablelands Regional Plan*.

Term

This Statement of Intent will be reviewed and if necessary updated three years after the date of signing.

Principles and Priorities

Principles for engagement are:

- optimising regional outcomes by adopting a best for region approach
- pursuing a borderless approach to infrastructure planning and delivery
- sharing information and data to inform planning and policy development and initiatives

Priority areas for collaboration and engagement are:

- improving cross border connectivity of transport including road, rail, freight and active travel networks for both passenger and freight movements
- policy and planning opportunities to consider management of water, sewage, waste and renewable energy on a regional scale
- planning for major contiguous developments and land use planning along the border corridor
- understanding the infrastructure requirements to support population growth and housing affordability
- promoting the visitor economy and coordinating efforts to support major events across the ACT and QPRC
- coordination on matters of regional employment, skills and innovation, including joint advocacy for NSW and Commonwealth investment
- opportunities to enhance sustainability and address climate change

Governance

The lead units with responsibility for supporting this Statement of Intent will be:

- in QPRC, the General Manager, QPRC; and
- in the ACT Government, the Policy and Cabinet Division in the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

These lead units will report on progress under the Statement of Intent to the QPRC Mayor and ACT Chief Minister.

The ACT Government and QPRC will establish and maintain a work plan to progress these Priority areas.

QPRC and ACT Government officials will aim to identify, implement and review projects of mutual interest via six-monthly engagement.



Andrew Barr MLA

Chief Minister
ACT Government

Date: 19 December 2022



Cr Kenrick Winchester

Mayor
Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council

Date: 21 December 2022