

Strategic Directions & Priorities Statement



2018 - 2022

NSROC was formed to assist our local councils to collaborate on key issues and activities to generate benefits-social, environmental and economic-for their individual councils and for the region as a whole. This statement highlights the direction and priorities for the next four years to 2022.

The role of NSROC

- To advocate effectively on agreed regional positions and priorities
- To work cooperatively for the benefit of the Northern Sydney region
- To provide strong local government leadership

NSROC Directions and Objectives

Advocacy & Leadership

To position the region as a leader and strengthen the role of Local Government in the Northern Sydney region

Improved Urban Planning and Infrastructure

To integrate transport, social and environmental infrastructure projects that support opportunities in the region to link with the North District Plan, and meet community and business needs into the future

Improved Service Delivery

To improve the quality and efficiency of local government service delivery in the Northern Sydney region.

Our 2018 - 2022 Priority Projects

Regional Waste Management Projects (Various)	Subregional Infrastructure (Transport, Social & Cultural) Strategy Plan	Shared Services	Sustainability, Energy-Efficiency Project
To help deliver priorities and directions on improved service delivery and sustainability in planning for the future.	To achieve priorities and directions on regional advocacy and improved urban planning and infrastructure for the future.	To help deliver priorities and directions on improved service delivery.	Continuing with existing project until project completion.
Timeframe: Current to Longer Term (Immediate - 4+ years)	Timeframe: Medium to Longer Term (2 - 3+ years)	Timeframe: Medium to Longer Term (2 - 3+ years)	Timeframe: Current Term (Immediate/Current)

Other projects or initiatives agreed by the Board or General Managers' Advisory Committee that align with these priorities and directions may also be implemented.

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Shared Service Priority Projects

The four key criteria for Shared Service projects are:

- Function of scale/capacity of member councils (eg smaller councils may not be able to conduct or deliver on their own).
- Emerging needs and technology
- Efficiency
- Scale and complexity

There will be a prioritisation of up to three shared services projects based on the above criteria. A General Manager will sponsor the shared services governance or steering group.

Key Advocacy Initiatives

In addition to the delivery of Priority Projects, NSROC will continue to represent member councils on matters that complement the direction of the region. Some key advocacy initiatives may include:

- A breakfast event or an annual conference to provide high-level meeting opportunities for Councillors, Ministers and MPs on key themes or relevant topics.
- NSROC representation on governmental advisory groups or committees for influencing policy outcomes and recommendations.
- Advocacy initiatives as agreed by GMAC or the Board, which will support the NSROC's priorities and directions.

Outcomes and Benefits

The Strategic Directions and Priority Projects for 2018 - 2022 will:

Increase our influence on government decisions through regional leadership and advocacy for the betterment of our communities

Enhance the liveability of the region with the delivery of appropriate planning and infrastructure, cultural life and economic conditions

Strengthen collaboration and efficiency through regional cooperation in the delivery of shared services that results in improved service delivery

Prepare resilient and engaged communities that wisely use energy, water and resources

All projects will follow the over-arching principles of NSROC

Sustainability // Constructive Collaboration // Working together for a better region