

ACT-NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration

2018-19 Annual Work Plan

Key Focus Area 1 – Economic Development			
Project Title	Opportunities and Issues [Context]	Actions	Lead Agency ACT & NSW
1.1 Freight and Export opportunities	<p>The Canberra Airport is a major gateway to Canberra and the region. Direct international flights between Singapore, Canberra and Wellington create significant opportunity for the ACT and the South East region of NSW.</p> <p>Being strategically positioned within a major agricultural region across southern New South Wales, there are a number of potential benefits to routing air freight through Canberra Airport, particularly for time-sensitive fresh meats, fruits and dairy products.</p> <p>There are significant flow-on benefits associated with standalone cargo flights and passenger services, best demonstrated by the initial results from the Singapore Airlines ‘Capital Express’ services.</p> <p>By working collaboratively we can leverage regional opportunities to</p>	a) Progress freight and export opportunities identified in the economic analysis of direct international air-freight options and the NSW Future Transport 2056 strategy.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR/Enterprise) NSW DOI DPC RNSW TfNSW
		b) Progress exporter and freight development opportunities working with the Canberra Region Joint Organisation, Austrade and the business sector to advance international air freight from Canberra Airport.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR/Enterprise) NSW DOI DPC RNSW TfNSW
		c) Work with Canberra Airport and the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CBRJO) to identify export opportunities for regional producers through Canberra.	ACT CMTEDD (Visit) NSW DOI DPC RNSW TfNSW Canberra Airport
		d) Identify opportunities to enhance freight and export infrastructure at Canberra Airport.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR)
		e) Work with Austrade, ACT Chamber of Commerce, NSW Business Chamber, CBRJO, NSW and ACT Government agencies and regional stakeholders to	DPC RNSW

	create jobs, grow and diversify the economy, and build industry capacity.	identify and enhance government and businesses work collaboration to support development in regional freight and export related industries.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR/Enterprise)
		f) Undertake analysis of the Canberra Region's export capability and skills capacity, including Regional Economic Development Plans (REDs).	ACT CMTEDD (IGR/Enterprise)DPC RNSW
1.2 Tourism opportunities and industry development	A regional approach for joint tourism marketing and development between the ACT and Southern NSW are boosted by the Canberra International Airport, the development of the Port of Eden, and enhanced regional tourism offerings.	a) Plan and deliver joint presentations to the visitor economy industry and other stakeholders in southern NSW and CBR to develop a coordinated approach and model for joint domestic and international marketing and tourism investment activity.	ACT CMTEDD (VisitCanberra) DSNSW DPC RNSW
		b) Compile a calendar of southern NSW and CBR tourism events for joint promotion.	ACT CMTEDD (VisitCanberra) DNSW / DSNSW DPC RNSW
		c) Examine Canberra Region co-branding opportunities and key assets for refreshment (e.g. signage) for joint investment, in collaboration with the CBRJO.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DNSW / DSNSW DPC RNSW NSW CBC
		d) Examine opportunities to utilise a broader range of regional metrics to measure the performance of the visitor economy.	DPC RNSW DNSW / DSNSW

		e) Align joint activity, include joining event promotion through DMP and Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan actions	Visit Canberra
1.3 Defence industry opportunities	NSW's Defence and Industry Strategy the ACT's Defence Industry Strategy and the Canberra Region Defence Industry Capability Directory provide a platform for continued collaboration in the Capital Region. The Defence Industry Advocates for NSW and the ACT collaborate on regional initiatives, enhancing industry opportunities and capabilities.	a) Identify and action partnering opportunities to promote and enhance defence industries and supply chains.	ACT CMTEDD (Enterprise) Defence NSW
		b) Align activities to support the enhancement of workforce planning to meet the skills and training needs of defence businesses, including certification, to meet Department of Defence requirements.	ACT CMTEDD (Enterprise) Defence NSW
1.4 Regional Industry Development	The CBR Region brand was launched in 2015 and adopted by the South East Local Government areas and the ACT Government. It is now well established and identifiable as the marketable identity for the region.	a) Finalise a joint ACT/NSW/Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CBRJO) governance framework to support the CBR Region brand's development.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW
		b) Finalise a Canberra Region Brand Strategy and associated action plan to facilitate activation opportunities.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW
1.5 Labour mobility in the NSW-ACT cross-border area	In an effort to reduce red-tape for cross-border businesses the ACT and NSW Governments will focus on improved labour mobility for holders of certain licences.	a) Continue work to negotiate, update and implement (where applicable) respective mutual recognition Ministerial Declarations or similar to achieve equivalency in identified occupations.	ACT CMTEDD (Regulatory Reform) NSW DFSI

		b) Consider options to expand automatic mutual recognition (AMR) for holders of certain categories of occupational licences to work on both sides of the border, while only needing to hold a licence from one jurisdiction.	
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Key Focus Area 2 – Built and Natural Environment			
Project Title	Project Description	Actions	Lead Agency ACT & NSW
2.1 NSW South East and Tablelands Regional Plan	<p>The South East and Tablelands Plan provides a planning framework for the nine Local Government Areas surrounding the ACT. The plan recognises the benefit of the proximity of the region to Canberra with the nation’s capital continuing to figure prominently in the way the region grows.</p> <p>The associated Implementation Plan details specific actions for NSW Government agencies and local government to resolve a range of cross-border planning and landuse issues. The ACT Government is a partner in the implementation activities.</p>	a) Implement the actions specified under the South East and Tablelands Plan with a specific focus on finalising a cross-border land and housing framework and monitor.	ACT EPSDD; ICON Water NSW DEP / SE LLS Relevant local government areas.
		<p>b) Develop and implement a sub-regional water strategy for the Yass Valley and Queanbeyan-Palerang local government areas that clarifies the requirements, available volumes and quality of all water supplies and defines the optimal level of water use. Consideration is to be given to Snowy Monaro LGA requirements.</p> <p>The sub-regional water strategy is to consider regulatory compliance, water trading, SDL adjustments and commercial requirements for relevant entities.</p>	ACT EPSDD; ICON Water NSW DPE (in consultation with DoI Water) / SE LLS Relevant local government areas. ACT EPSDD; ICON Water
		c) Implement cross-border land and housing monitoring framework.	ACT EPSDD NSW DEP / SE LLS Relevant local government areas.

2.2 Cross-border communities	<p>Continued population growth in the ACT and the contiguous council areas places pressure on both jurisdictions to deliver comparable and complementary infrastructure and services.</p> <p>A rezoning process for Parkwood, the NSW component of the Ginninderry Joint Venture land, has commenced through the Yass Valley Council and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.</p>	a) Continue the development of a cross-border service and infrastructure delivery plan to the Ginninderry / Parkwood development.	ACT EPSDD NSW DPE
		b) Compile a demographic profile for the Canberra Region, exploring scope for inclusion of Health and Education capital and service delivery requirements.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW
		c) Finalise the cross-border infrastructure and service delivery model and agreed protocol to assess future developments in border locations.	ACT EPSDD NSW DPE
2.3 Cross-border catchment management	<p>A whole of catchment strategic approach that ensures an integrated catchment management in the ACT and NSW South East Region.</p> <p>Both jurisdictions are members of, and participate in, the Murray Darling Basin Plan.</p> <p>The ACT Government and adjoining councils, along with the National Capital Authority and Icon Water, are members of the ACT and Region Catchment Management Coordination Group.</p>	a) Progress regional collaboration, coordination and implementation of catchment initiatives under the South East and Tablelands Regional Plan and the ACT and Region Catchment Management Plan.	ACT EPSDD DoI Water SE LLS Relevant local government areas.
2.4 Waste management	There are opportunities to improve and align the legislative framework	a) Continue alignment of container deposit schemes across the ACT and NSW border, ensuring export	ACT TCCS

<p>surrounding waste management and associated regulations.</p> <p>The NSW and ACT Governments introduced a container deposit scheme during 2017-18. The NSW and ACT Governments are collaborating on the roll out of the scheme to ensure effective outcomes in waste management and materials recycling and reuse are achieved.</p>	<p>credit system between NSW and the ACT allows for smooth cross border flows of beverage company and first supplier contributions to the correct scheme.</p>	<p>NSW EPA</p>
	<p>b) In partnership with local government and the Canberra Region Joint Organisation, implement waste strategies to support local councils and public land managers to reduce opportunities for illegal dumping.</p>	<p>ACT TCCS NSW EPA</p>
	<p>c) Consider options to better align the legislative framework to ensure consistent service delivery for waste management services to border and rural communities.</p>	<p>ACT TCCS NSW EPA</p>
	<p>d) Examine opportunities to align NSW and ACT National Park waste management strategies/plans.</p>	<p>ACT EPSDD NSW EPA NSW NPWS</p>
	<p>e) Mapping and refresh of regional governance and activities to be commenced in late 2018, pending the development of a Circular Economy Working Group discussion paper.</p>	<p>ACT EPSDD NSW EPA</p>
	<p>f) Establish a Region Waste Working Group to address key regional waste issues, including but not limited to: regional governance alignment, cross-border dumping, contamination education, and alignment of activity in response to the China National Sword Policy.</p>	<p>ACT EPSDD NSW EPA</p>

2.5 Regional Infrastructure	Regional economic development provides an opportunity to explore and advocate for infrastructure investment across the two jurisdictions to support and enhanced level of economic activity.	a) Develop an agreed list of regional infrastructure priorities, including cross border infrastructure, which supports economic development and social outcomes in NSW and the ACT and informs co-investment decisions.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW
	The ACT Government is pursuing a City Deal with the Commonwealth Government, providing opportunities to pursue key infrastructure development.	b) Progress funding principles and a framework for cross-border infrastructure investment, which reflects ACT and NSW Planning Strategies.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW
		c) Explore joint opportunities to improve the Sydney Canberra rail line, including advocacy to the Australian Government.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW
		d) Identify regional projects for co-investment, including through the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner's Infrastructure Fund.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) NSW Cross-Border Commissioner DPC RNSW
2.6 Climate Adaptation	The NSW and ACT Governments are collaborating to harmonise actions in climate change adaptation in the Canberra region.	a) Establish a framework to enable work across levels of government and with non-government entities, to build resilience and adaptive capacity.	ACT EPSDD NSW OEH

Key Focus Area 3 – Integrated Service Planning			
Project Title	Project Description	Actions	Lead Agency ACT & NSW
3.1 Cross-border transport	There are opportunities to improve accessibility and connectivity of public and community transport for residents living in the Canberra region.	a) ACT to develop cross-border Corridor Management Plans over a two year financial period into 2018-19, with consideration given to the impact of the Canberra Region.	ACT TCCS TfNSW
		b) Align regulation and legislation to allow point to point transport services (taxis, ride share, hire cars/limousines, courtesy buses, and community transport) to operate across the border.	ACT TCCS TfNSW
		c) Further develop strategies to enhance public transport enabling infrastructure, including park and ride facilities and bus lanes.	ACT TCCS TfNSW
		d) Align the ACT and NSW Future Transport Strategies.	ACT TCCS TfNSW
		e) Joint advocacy to the Australian Government for supporting economic enabling infrastructure, including for freight and intercity connections.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR) DPC RNSW NSW CBC
3.2 Regional transport networks	Collaborate on the enhancement of strategies to maintain and improve the resilience of regional transport hubs and networks.	a) Consult with regional transport planners and providers on establishing engagement and communication networks to enhance the resilience of regional transport hubs and networks.	ACT TCCS and EPSDD TfNSW

3.3 Planning and delivery of education and training services	Pre-school, school and VET students in the cross-border region are able to access both ACT and NSW facilities, subject to meeting the respective enrolment requirements.	a) In alignment with other activities, develop options (including legislative changes) to facilitate more effective inter-jurisdictional information sharing for student information, and for children at risk.	ACT ED NSW DOE NSW FACS
		b) Ensure consistency of advice regarding school and transport options for students with special needs through development of protocols to support consultation between local education services teams and constituents.	NSW DOE
		c) Work to align policies and procedures for teacher registration/accreditation and recognition of professional development activities, noting that the National Review of Teacher Registration is due to report to the Education Council in 2018.	ACT ED NSW DOE
		d) Work to enhance the efficacy of the Student Data Transfer Note.	ACT ED NSW DOE
		e) Initial informal review of the operation and terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Registration of GTOs to be undertaken at the end of the first 12 months.	CMTEDD (Enterprise) TSNSW
		f) Skills Canberra to discuss arrangements with TSNSW to consider VET policies and outcomes in NSW and the ACT, with an emphasis on trainees and apprentices, and their employers.	CMTEDD (Enterprise) TSNSW
		g) Consider the establishment of policy and implementation of arrangements for enabling NSW	CMTEDD (Enterprise)

		employers with Australian Apprentices to enter into an ACT Training Contract.	TSNSW
		h) Consider the implementation of aligned policies to allow students undertaking VET work experience / work placement access to workplaces in either jurisdiction, including the need to align WHS procedures prior to students participating in workplace learning.	CMTEDD (Enterprise) TSNSW
		i) ACT and NSW Governments to continue to explore cross border project opportunities.	CMTEDD (Enterprise) NSW DOE, TSNSW
3.4 The protection and well-being of victims of domestic and family violence	NSW and ACT have enacted laws that allow for automatic information sharing and enforcement of Domestic Violence Orders (and similar) between jurisdictions. The ACT and NSW Governments are working together on this initiative through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and are continuing work to remove barriers to information sharing arrangements.	a) Continue to work through COAG to improve information sharing and cooperation.	ACT CSD; ACT Coordinator General for Family Safety NSW DPC
		b) Work to align services and enhance accessibility to housing and support programs for victims of family and domestic violence, including for children in affected families.	ACT CSD; ACT Coordinator General for Family Safety NSW FACS
		c) Examine opportunities to deliver and collect evidence on collaborative perpetrator interventions including men's behaviour change programs in border communities.	ACT CSD; ACT Coordinator General for Family Safety NSW FACS
		d) Continue to engage closely with stakeholders at all levels across the community and government as change of this magnitude takes the whole community to commit to a long term effort.	ACT CSD; ACT Coordinator General for Family Safety NSW FACS

3.5 The protection of children and vulnerable people	There are opportunities to enhance the protection of children and vulnerable people through the sharing of information and the alignment of services, including through changes to legislation.	a) Continue work to align information sharing legislation, policies, systems and procedures.	ACT CSD NSW DPC
		b) Communicate and deliver training and education to relevant government agencies and NGOs on changes to policies, legislation and procedures.	ACT CSD NSW FACS
3.6 Roll out of NDIS	Coordination of NDIS across the ACT and Canberra Region provides opportunities for improved care and outcomes for NDIS clients.	a) Monitor NDIS implementation for cross-border issues that may impact on equitable access for clients with a disability.	ACT CSD NSW FACS
		b) Map the Canberra Region human services and disability sector workforce capacity, skills and NDIS markets.	ACT CMTEDD (IGR); ACT CSD
		c) Work collaboratively to resolve funding responsibility issues	NSW FACS
3.7 Keeping communities safe	A coordinated ACT/NSW approach to emergency management ensures that communities are better prepared for cross-border events, and that emergency services, functional areas and participating organisations can provide effective emergency management, communications and disaster recovery.	a) Continue coordination and integration of emergency services and emergency response and recovery plans for the ACT and Southern NSW Emergency Management Region, with an emphasis on flood and storm emergencies.	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM NSW SES
		b) Finalise a reporting system framework for the development, maintenance, tracking and updating Memorandums of Understanding (MoU), Mutual Aid Agreements (MAA), and response and recovery	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM

	The ACT-NSW Cross-Border Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery Steering Committee is well established and is ideally placed to facilitate further collaboration.	plans between ACT and NSW Government Emergency Service Organisations and agencies.	
		c) Align prevention, preparedness, response and recovery (PPRR) activity, including Emergency Management Plans to ensure whole-of-Region consideration for major emergencies.	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM
		d) Finalise a Cross-Border Emergency Management Communications and Media Plan and associated protocols that covers the ACT and South East NSW.	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM
		e) Continue joint emergency response and recovery training and exercise programs.	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM
		f) Work to enhance public and government communications networks, including the development of governance frameworks around inter-jurisdictional coordination.	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM
		g) Develop a governance document to detail how the sharing of existing specialist resources takes place, including but not limited to: large animals, swift water, technical rope/vertical and road crash rescue, and alpine search and retrieval.	ACT ESA NSW DOJ – OEM
3.8 Develop opportunities for integrated planning of health care services	With many patients accessing both ACT and NSW Health services, there is a need for streamlined procedures between ACT hospitals and SNSW LHD.	a) Continue the work of the Cross-Border Service and Coordination Committee to progress the alignment of health service planning, coordination, development and provision.	ACT Health NSW Health (SNSW LHD)
		b) Facilitate the development, implementation and evaluation of agreed Health Pathways (through the	ACT Health

		Health Pathway Governance Committee) and agreed clinical pathways to improve access to health services and reduce delays in priority areas as identified by the Cross-Border Service and Coordination Committee. Initial emphasis on the monitoring of access and demand, and elective surgery flow.	NSW Health (SNSW LHD)
3.9 Regional Intensive Care Unit (ICU)	Finalise the implementation of a regional Intensive Care Unit (ICU) network between the ACT ICUs and Bega ICU.	a) ACT Health, NSW Ministry of Health and SNSW LHD to progress the execution of a Service Agreement to create an Intensive Care Network.	ACT Health NSW Health (SNSW LHD)
3.10 Regional medical retrieval	Changes to contracted arrangements for regional medical retrieval necessitate a review of NSW and ACT agreements for the provision and support of these services.	a) Finalise the Heads of Agreement between NSW and ACT Health in relation to aeromedical retrieval services.	ACT Health ACT JACS (ESA) NSW Health NSW Ambulance (MoH)
		b) Discuss and review interstate reciprocal arrangements for ambulance service charges.	NSW Ambulance ACT Health
		c) Review contractual / funding arrangements and align policy for (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ non-emergency and community transport (excluding emergency patient transport); ○ the Capital Region Retrieval Service; and 	ACT Health ACT JACS ACT ESA NSW Health NSW Ambulance (MoH)

		○ Aeromedical Service.	
3.11 Better Regulation	<p>The NSW and ACT Governments are committed to regulatory reform, with an emphasis on better regulation.</p> <p>There are a range of options to expand on recent collaboration on the sharing of IT platforms to enhance the interface between Government and constituents and regulatory burden for business.</p> <p>The NSW Government has recently launched iCare which offers opportunities to share data and systems.</p>	a) Examine opportunities for iCare to collaborate with the ACT Government	NSW iCare
		b) NSW and ACT Governments to align activity to facilitate the recognition of digital licences, with an initial emphasis on RSA, RCG, driving, fishing and boating licences	Service NSW NSW DFSI
		c) Examine opportunities for alignment on other regulatory issues	ACT CMTEDD (Regulatory Reform / Enterprise) Service NSW NSW OSBC NSW iCare Service NSW NSW DFSI
3.12 Guardian and Trustee	The NSW and ACT Guardians and Trustees have identified areas where the development, recognition and execution of a range legal instruments are misaligned.	<p>a) Examine opportunities for the ACT Trustee to develop wills and associated materials for NSW residents.</p> <p>i. NSW Public Trustee and Guardian to consult with the ACT Government Solicitor to facilitate.</p>	<p>ACT JACSD</p> <p>ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal</p> <p>NSW TAG</p> <p>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal</p>

		<p>b) Examine opportunities for the development of protocols to support the automatic recognition of NSW and ACT orders, including powers of attorney.</p> <p>ii. Explore options for a mutual recognition scheme with NSW by legislative amendment.</p>	<p>ACT JACSD</p> <p>ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal</p> <p>NSW TAG</p> <p>NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal</p>
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ACT Agency List	NSW Agency List
CMTEDD – Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	CBC – NSW Cross-Border Commissioner
CSD – Community Services Directorate	DFSI – Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
EPSDD – Environment, Planning and Sustainable Directorate	DoI – Department of Industry
ESA – Emergency Services Agency	DOE – Department of Education
TCCS - Transport Canberra and City Services	DOJ – Department of Justice
	DPC – Department of Premier and Cabinet
	DPE – Department of Planning and Environment
	EPA - NSW Environment Protection Authority
	DoI Water – Department of Industry Water
	FACS – Department of Family and Community Services
	MOH – Ministry of Health
	OEM – Office of Emergency Management
	SNSW LHD – Southern NSW Local Health District
	TfNSW – Transport for NSW
	RMS – Roads and Maritime Service
	DNSW – Destination NSW

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