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Local Environment Plan approved by Minister

The Wagga Wagga Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2010 has been approved by the NSW Minister for Planning, The Hon. Tony Kelly.

“This is fantastic news for Wagga Wagga City Council given the large amount of planning, consultation and community engagement that was involved in creating the new plan,” Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga, Kerry Pascoe said.

“The LEP 2010 is crucial to Wagga’s future social, economic and environmental development and will ensure residents and businesses have certainty regarding the City’s desired direction for growth.”

“The LEP addresses the unique natural and built environment factors within the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area and provides the framework for future planning decisions.”

“What this does now is allows the city to move forward with certainty and more scope for growth as our city expands.”

Chair Wagga Wagga City Council Planning Panel, Pam Allan was pleased with the announcement saying, “The development of the new LEP was a long and comprehensive undertaking by Council staff working alongside the Wagga Wagga Planning Panel.”

The LEP, in conjunction with the new Development Control Plan (DCP), will now provide the basis for all future planning decisions across the LGA.

The LEP, and the new DCP, will be the framework for:

- The supply of residential and Industrial land
- lot sizes
- housing types
- provision of retail and commercial space and car parking in the central business district (CBD) and suburban areas
- recreation and open space
- the management of the natural environment, including urban salinity
- protection of Indigenous and European heritage and the area’s biodiversity.