

Beyond the Boom.

An intergenerational collaboration to shape Greater Western Sydney toward 2050.

Beyond the Boom is a collaboration with Government, and will bring together the Dialogue's industry and community Partners, as well as our broader regional stakeholders.

The Hon. Prue Car MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Western Sydney is the **patron** of the project. *Beyond the Boom* will also be overseen by an **Eminent Persons Group**, Chaired by Professor Peter Shergold AC.

Beyond the Boom is a landmark thought leadership and public policy initiative that examines how best to continue the bold city-shaping of Greater Western Sydney (GWS) toward 2050.

It is timed to coincide with the 10-year anniversary of the Western Sydney Airport announcement, in April 2024, a decision that sparked much of the first wave of planning and development in GWS.

The project will establish an updated and shared vision for the West – a new growth narrative that reflects the modern identity of the region. Looking beyond the last decade of the "Boomtown" narrative, the Dialogue will place greater emphasis on the region's social and economic fabric and its sustainability, to complement the new physical infrastructure.



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The **Curatorial Reference Panel**, consisting of subject matter experts and academics will drive the project's work. To ensure intergenerational perspectives, youth stakeholders from a broad range of groups such as Western Sydney University's Academy, the Greater Cities Commission Youth Advisory Panel, and the Dialogue's GenWest group will be invited to join our **Youth Advisory Forum**.

Beyond the Boom will be data informed, driven by a culture of collaboration, and led by academic rigor. As well as the reference panels, consultation will include engaging with regional forums, consultancies, leading research bodies, and policy tanks. We've already begun reaching out to thought leaders such as the James Martin Institute, the Centre for Western Sydney, UNSW Cities Institute, and the Sydney Policy Lab.



PILLARS & THEMES

The project will be divided into four topic pillars:

Connectivity

Physical, digital, and international connectivity. Where are the gaps and how do we engineer a north-south axis? How do we breach the digital divide and leverage GWS's cultural diversity for international trade?

Identity

Who is the modern 'Westie'? Who creates this narrative and how is it reflected in governance of the region? How does the region maintain its uniqueness amid economic and population growth?

Human capital

What will social prosperity look like to GWS in the future? How does the West compare to others in socioeconomic outcomes and where does housing, education and skills development fit into the picture?

Economic prosperity

The region is entering a period of transition and maturation. How can we maximise the region's infrastructure legacy to lead GWS into a smart, sustainable, innovative economy? Are there new models to govern development partnerships?

Our **key themes** will thread through the project, informing the direction of each. These themes are:

- Equity and Convergence
- Sustainability
- First Nations Persons and community engagement
- Continuity and Transition

TIMELINE

