

Our updated Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) sets out a 20-year direction for land use in our city, guiding future growth and change.

Vision



Lake Macquarie City: Strategic growth for a sustainable future

Planning priorities



Planning priority one

Our city has the infrastructure and capacity to attract new industries and investment to expand long-term job opportunities



Planning priority two

Our local and strategic centres provide housing, jobs and activities



Planning priority three

People have housing that suits their needs



Planning priority four

Our city protects and enhances biodiversity



Planning priority five

Our city plans for climate risk and emergencies



Planning priority six

Everyone can enjoy open, active and social spaces



Planning priority seven

We have the public and local transport infrastructure to keep our city connected



Planning priority eight

People can walk and cycle safely around our city

The statement identifies:

Hierarchy of centres where we will prioritise growth and infrastructure

1. Strategic centres

- Character: medium to high density with high-rise, wide range of services, retail and dining, well connected transport hubs
- Charlestown, Glendale, Belmont, Morisset and the emerging centre of Cockle Creek
- Density target – 75 dwellings per hectare

2. Local centres

- Character: medium density with low to mid-rise, range of businesses and services to meet needs of the local population, well connected public and active transport
- Examples include Cardiff, Toronto, Warners Bay, Mount Hutton and Jewells
- Density target – 50 dwellings per hectare

3. Neighbourhood centres

- Character: low to medium density, shops for the daily needs of the community, safe footpath and cycle connections
- Examples include Blacksmiths, Blackalls Park, Redhead, Whitebridge, West Wallsend and Wangi Wangi
- Density target – 30 dwellings per hectare

Two growth areas identified in NSW Government's Hunter Regional Plan 2041

- North West Growth Area and the Greater Morisset Area
- Each area has its own unique character, strengths and opportunities. We will continue planning for these areas to achieve best-fit significant housing and employment outcomes