

Narrabri

A Special Activation Precinct in Narrabri will bring further economic growth to the region by leveraging the Inland Rail and the Northern NSW Inland Port, providing direct access to global and international markets.



What is a Special Activation Precinct?

Special Activation Precincts bring together planning and investment to create jobs and boost economic growth in dedicated regional locations across NSW.

The precincts strengthen the region's economy by attracting investors and making it easier for new and existing businesses to establish and expand.

Businesses that set up in a precinct will be supported by a concierge service and benefit from streamlined planning processes, government-funded infrastructure and a coordinated approach to addressing land use issues.

Special Activation Precincts will ensure regional NSW is well placed to grow and meet future economic needs for generations to come. They are a bold NSW Government initiative delivered in partnership by the Department of Regional NSW, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation and the local council.

Why Narrabri?

Narrabri is located 560km north west of Sydney on the Kamilaroi Highway and 560km south west of Brisbane on the Newell Highway, making Narrabri an ideal mid-way destination for travellers and for freight and logistics.

The investigation area for the Narrabri Special Activation Precinct (Precinct) is in the same vicinity as the proposed Northern NSW Inland Port, 7km from the town centre around Yarrie Lake Road, and comprises of approximately 2,160 hectares.

A range of technical studies will determine the final boundary and will be released when the draft master plan goes on public exhibition in the second half of 2022.

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The Narrabri Gas Project will enable the Precinct to attract energy intensive industries and

-  Freight and logistics
-  Access to global supply chains and markets
-  Grow regional economy

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value-added manufacturing, allowing the region to diversify economically to enhance its traditional agriculture and manufacturing industries, providing sustained economic growth and a drought resilient economy.

The Precinct will plan for access to suitably zoned land, government funding for enabling infrastructure, and streamlined planning approvals which will provide incentive for national and international businesses to establish and operate more efficiently.

Technical studies as part of planning for the Precinct will ensure optimal use of the land, with a mandate to maintain environmental, heritage and cultural values of the area.

To sustain the economic development, the township will also require improvements in social infrastructure to cater for a growing employee and residential population. In addition to technical studies to determine the boundary of the Special Activation Precinct, research will also look at the future demand for housing, community infrastructure and amenities, and social services for a growing population.

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Master planning

Master planning is the initial stage in determining the area and land uses for the Precinct and is being undertaken by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, in partnership with the Department of Regional NSW and Narrabri Shire Council.

Throughout master planning, community, stakeholder and industry consultation will take place, as well as a range of technical studies to help inform the preparation of a draft master plan. Ongoing consultation will provide an opportunity for community members and landowners to contribute and help shape the vision for this exciting project. Keep an eye out for ways you can get involved and provide your feedback.

Once a draft master plan is developed, it will be placed on public exhibition for comment. This is expected to take place in the second half of 2022.

We are here

- 1 **Q4 2020**
Narrabri Special Activation Precinct announced
- 2 **Q4 2021**
Site investigations and technical planning studies commence/community consultation begins
- 3 **Q3 2022**
Draft master plan on exhibition for public feedback/community consultation continues
- 4 **Q4 2022**
Master plan finalised



Narrabri at dusk, courtesy of Narrabri Shire Council

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