

# Planning Scheme Project Workshop

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## Unedited Notes

The following is a largely unedited transcription of summaries produced by member groups of OSCAR.

The workshop addressed the overarching and draft detailed vision statements of council. This listing resulted essentially from a brain storming session and no relative importance should be ascribed to the order that points are introduced.

## Regional Strategic Vision

In 2041, the Sunshine Coast is recognised as a desirable, liveable and sustainable place, where healthy, smart and creative communities thrive in a well-defined, connected, and transit-oriented pattern of settlement, which is resilient to the changing environment.

### Group 1

- open to interpretation
- trade off needed e.g. healthy, resilient versus connected & transit orientated
- \* No trade off on the environment
- \* need measures tracking progress
- where will sacrifices be made
- is population growth negotiable
- Missing! - voice of the community
- recognition of "community of communities"
- priority for preserving the identity of communities
- themes are in the wrong order
- resilient, sustainable are weasel words
- the test of any implementation is community approval

### Group 3

- beware weasel words
- vision is too weak but does council need one overarching statement
- transit-orientated development pattern - should also be supported by local facilities / accessibility
- existing rail network / hinterland (towns) versus pattern of settlement
- "well-define" what does that mean? - character / green-space
- change connected to "interconnected"
- changing environment: should be 'resilient to climate change' with more specific and strong statement about protecting natural assets / celebrating the natural environment
- is a biosphere reserve in 2041? ... in 'healthy & resilient environment'
- do other councils i.e. Noosa, Brisbane, Gold Coast have a single sentence vision statement

### Group 4

- "resilient" imparts a vague meaning only - add or change to include the concept of "protected" and "retention" of character & amenity
- add "safe place to live"
- "changing environment" should be plural to capture the connections between natural and human environments
- "transit" has no role in an over-arching statement
- the vision and detailed statements need to be supported by clearly defined responsibilities within and outside of council (community and other levels of government)
- add "individual" as adjective to communities
- physical separation i.e. inter-urban space needs to be real and not a matrix of less dense development between centres
- goals must be supported by metrics especially "liveability"; reference Australian Urban Observatory for a suite of metrics for liveability, social infrastructure, walkability, transport, employment, public open spaces, housing, food, alcohol and pandemic related
- support council strategies with reviews to identify failures, interdependencies, trends e.g. stormwater strategy to be supported by trend in actual damage

## Group 5

- no agreement with the statement - council is attempting to build a NEW Sunshine Coast not protect and build on what we have
- desirable is subjective
- why have a 2041 vision for a 2024-34 scheme that has a history of multiple changes in the past
- does not mention the beach or coast or tourism or environment
- where are the VALUES?
- nothing unique, nothing we own, no guidance or parameters
- some good language but should Protect and Produce
- the fundamental basis for this vision is a mass-transit system; references one solution but not a vision
- containing urban sprawl is good providing you don't destroy the coastal corridor
- we don't need a transit-orientated pattern of settlement; it is about fixed infrastructure and building around it
- well defined and connected is good but minimise the need to travel
- absolutely disagree with transit-orientated
- the genuine integrity of the environment that sustains the population living in the region is not recognised
- a broad vision statement must include climate change as a major consideration in guiding the direction of the planning scheme
- no reference to protecting the environment
- no guiding principles in the vision statement
- decisions today for the future
- maintain a community of communities is more of a vision statement that recognises the unique character and identity - this is the guts of why we live here
- population & dwellings - no statement of how many additional dwellings are required; is there actually a need for consolidation and if so how much by 2041 (the mass transit fact sheet says only 5000 dwellings needed to 2041; height of buildings appear in excess of requirements; it appears as though the requirements of the CBD are driving the requirements of Maroochydore and changing the character of Maroochydore

## **Detailed Draft Vision Statements**

- Shaping sustainable growth
- A smart economy
- A healthy and resilient environment
- A strong and creative community of communities
- Connected people and places

### ***Smart Economy***

- industrial agriculture - not sustainable - note: "miles" then was written ?
- broaden and deepen the economy from agriculture, construction, retail, tourism by value adding, medical specialists, education, high tech
- investors
- Silicon valley
- industry support services
- engaged supply chain
- shaping sustainable "growth" should be "living" and "productivity"; is sustainable growth incompatible with sustainable living?
- no trade off
- is the goal Growth?
- only growth in environment restoration

### ***Healthy & resilient environment***

- looks good on paper but without enforcement and compliance, how meaningful is it?
- concepts lacking: inclusive, innovative, consultative, risk
- Note San Francisco is a biosphere

### ***Community of communities***

- support for ALL age groups in a community including community centres, education, medical, arts & culture, pets & recreation, retail, library / tech centres, sports, emergency services, affordable housing
- encourage specialisation and collaboration and sharing between neighbouring communities
- council driven especially to identify and address strategic interdependencies
- requires long term plan with certainty and commitment, not an organic development
- must be supported by metrics as measure of progress, regular reporting period

### ***Connected people & places***

- "city region" focussed around high frequency corridors: transport system is linear and spiral - spine orientated transport does not connect all communities: fundamentally flawed - need a spider web network
- being used to justify density and height increases along the coastal corridors
- densification should be deferred till infrastructure is delivered
- does not address the north, hinterland & south
- should emphasise connected people
- high frequency is mass transit
- completely ignores community consultation on mass transit
- does not address traffic
- does not achieve its own objectives
- contradiction within the vision - new modes promoted but current modes are not
- none of the transport modes are council's responsibility and budget
- connected communities is doable now
- too dominated by mass transit instead of local communities
- if it supports OSCAR's bus proposal, some credibility