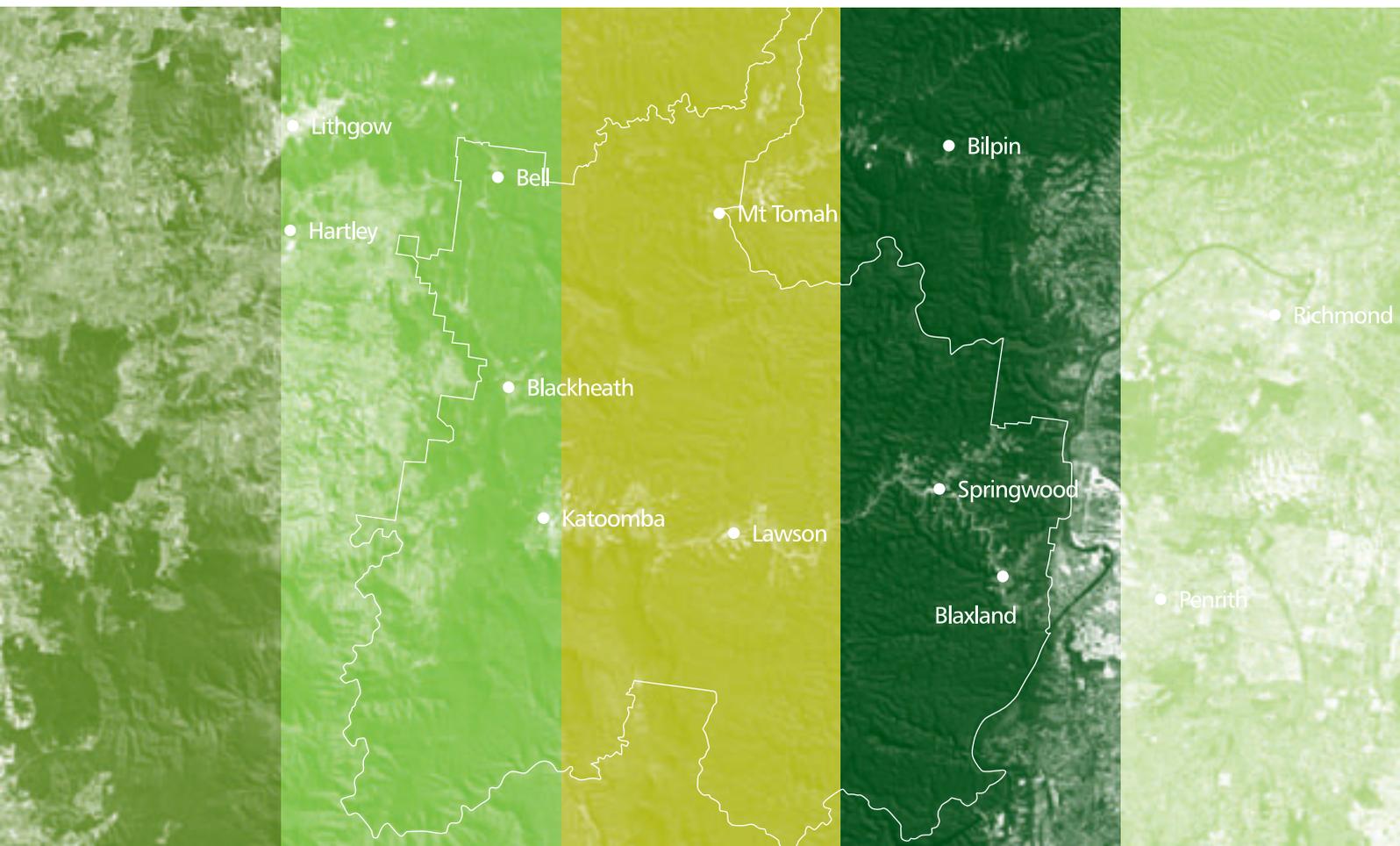




# Towards a More Sustainable Blue Mountains

A 25 YEAR VISION FOR THE CITY





Working together to achieve

a more sustainable Blue Mountains



Making the Blue Mountains  
a better place tomorrow than it is today...

# The Vision

In 2025 we live in vibrant, healthy communities.  
Our towns and villages are distinctive and contained.

We have maintained the bush between our settlements and  
protected the World Heritage environment that surrounds us.

Our local economy is strong and diversified, providing employment and  
educational opportunities appropriate to our location in a World Heritage area.

We promote safe accessible and environmentally responsible  
ways for people to get where they need to go.

Caring for each other, we sustain our communities. We recognise  
all Blue Mountains people especially our children and young people  
in whom we inspire the values that create a more sustainable future.

We use our available resources wisely, ensuring their fair distribution.

We celebrate the rich creativity, culture and heritage of the Blue Mountains.

People of all cultures and backgrounds are respected and enjoy equal rights.  
We acknowledge the Aboriginal presence in the Blue Mountains.

We have enhanced our Blue Mountains identity while forging strong  
regional partnerships. Our civic and community leadership and governance  
are inspirational – at one with community.

The Blue Mountains is recognised nationally and internationally as a centre of  
excellence for learning about sustainable living and sustainable communities.

Key Directions and Outcomes for  
a More Sustainable Blue Mountains

# Sustainability Outcome

Blue Mountains people  
living sustainably in  
a City within a World  
Heritage environment

## LOOKING AFTER ENVIRONMENT

The Blue Mountains natural environment  
is protected and conserved

The impact of existing and new development  
on the environment is managed

Blue Mountains people live sustainably  
in harmony with the environment

## LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE

The health and well being of Blue  
Mountains people are improved

Services and facilities are accessible  
and fairly distributed

Blue Mountains communities  
are safe, caring and inclusive

## USING LAND FOR LIVING

A strong sense of local identity  
and place is created

Well managed infrastructure  
supports sustainable living

The liveability and vibrancy of our  
towns and villages are strengthened

## MOVING AROUND

Safe environmentally friendly transport  
choices promote healthy lifestyles

The main Transport Corridor is a safe  
and beautiful space that adds to our  
local amenity and World Heritage identity

The ability of people to connect with  
each other and access services is improved

## WORKING AND LEARNING

The local economy is strengthened  
and diversified

The Blue Mountains is a model  
for sustainable business and industry

A culture of life long learning is  
nurtured in the Blue Mountains

## LOOKING AFTER ENVIRONMENT

We value our surrounding bushland and the World Heritage National Park. Recognising that the Blue Mountains natural environment is dynamic and changing, we look after and enjoy the healthy creeks and waterways, diverse flora and fauna and clean air. Living in harmony with the environment, we care for the ecosystems and habitats that support life in the bush and in our backyards. We conserve energy and the natural resources we use and reduce environmental impacts by living sustainably.



## LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE

We value our strong connected communities that support people throughout their lives from childhood to old age. We have safe, healthy environments in which people can live, work and play. Blue Mountains people have access to an appropriate range of services and facilities. Housing that is relevant to our population is available. Young people in the Blue Mountains have hope for the future. We nurture our sense of community through interacting and helping each other.



## USING LAND FOR LIVING

We use our land to live in harmony with the environment. We have created vibrant liveable places and spaces for people of all ages and abilities to meet and play. We value the distinct identities of our villages and towns and the bushland between them. Our cultural and built heritage is important. Within the capacity of our natural and built environments, we have encouraged development in larger town centres where there is access to public transport. Through innovative urban design and planning, the Blue Mountains has become a place renowned for its liveable and beautiful spaces.



## MOVING AROUND

We value safe and accessible pathways of travel that improve our connections with our destinations and each other. We have choices for safe and environmentally friendly transport, including networks of walkways and cycleways integrated with reliable and accessible public transport. Through better management and creative urban design, the Great Western Highway is a safe and beautiful space that adds to our amenity and World Heritage identity.



## WORKING AND LEARNING

We value business and industries that are in harmony with our World Heritage environment. We are recognised as a centre of excellence for sustainability that creates significant employment and educational opportunities. Through responsible economic development we have strengthened our local economy. We are a leader in sustainable tourism practices. Young people are attracted to work, live and study in the Blue Mountains. Building on our rich cultural landscape and inspirational natural environment, we are an exciting centre of culture and creativity.



# Towards a More Sustainable Future

TAKING ACTION TO NURTURE THE ESSENTIALS THAT SUPPORT US

## Taking Action

which is fair and equitable to others including our children's children

which is environmentally responsible



which contributes to the creation of liveable vibrant, creative communities with a sense of place and belonging

which uses resources efficiently wisely and effectively

To improve our quality of **Life** and make the Blue Mountains a better place

The 25 year strategy supporting this Vision for a More Sustainable Blue Mountains is presented in the Map for Action 2000-2025 Towards a More Sustainable Blue Mountains. The Vision and Map are available on the website [www.ourfuturebluemtns.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ourfuturebluemtns.nsw.gov.au)