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NEWCASTLE TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS 2020

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson has today released a Communiqué which outlines the outcomes of the Newcastle 2020 Summit held on 5 April at Newcastle University.

The issues raised and ideas produced by the summit of over 100 Novocastrians have been formally submitted to Canberra ahead of the National 2020 Summit being held on 19-20 April.

"One of the overwhelming themes of the day was that our region needed to work better at establishing a dialogue across all sectors and at setting clear priorities for our region," Ms Grierson said.

"Summit participants were of the view that at the local level, we need to be part of the decision-making, design and implementation of policies on the big issues. Climate Change and Infrastructure - both physical and social - were seen as two major influences on the future of our region."

"The summit on the weekend brought together many different opinions and ideas to shape a shared vision for Newcastle. But the success of the summit depends on continuing the hard work to build the local 2020 agenda in the key areas."

"At the top of that list, Professor Nicholas Saunders and I will be building on the momentum of the Newcastle 2020 Summit by offering to facilitate across key stakeholders the preparation of a Newcastle submission to Infrastructure Australia and for the National Aviation Green Paper."

"These are two steps in what I hope will be a continuous dialogue with the Newcastle community about our region's future."

"With such expertise, enthusiasm and willingness to work together, the outlook for an innovative and prosperous future looks bright."

Ms Grierson thanked all the facilitators and participants for entering into the spirit of the Summit, and for discussing the future of our City and our Nation with enthusiasm and respect for the views of their fellow participants.

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