

# **Wollongong City Deal Collaborative**

## **Terms of Reference**

### ***Overview***

The Wollongong City Deal Collaborative (the Collaborative) was established to prepare for the opportunity to develop a 'City Deal' for Wollongong. The collaborative commenced in January 2017 as an initiative of the Regional Development Australian (RDA) Illawarra.

### ***Members***

The Wollongong City Deal Collaborative members are leaders/ senior representatives of the following organisations:

- Wollongong City Council
- Illawarra Pilot Joint Organisation of Councils
- University of Wollongong
- SMART Facility (UOW)
- Illawarra Business Chamber
- Regional Development Australia (RDA) Illawarra.

The following Illawarra-based senior representatives are ex-officio members:

- NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet
- NSW Department of Planning & Environment

### ***Roles and Responsibilities***

RDA Illawarra is the convener of the Collaborative, and will provide secretariat support.

All members of the Collaborative are responsible to:

1. Attend meetings on a regular basis, currently 6 weekly, however more frequently if EOI/proactive action is required
2. Act in a collaborative manner, in line with the principles of City Deals, including:
  - Share all knowledge on City Deals with the Collaborative
  - Share confidential information and sources under Chatham House Rule
  - Deliver on actions committed at Collaborative meetings
  - Contribute to the Collaborative proactively, including insights and emerging trends

- Represent their individual organisations and communicate internally during the City Deals journey, but work with the Collaborative for the 'greater good' of the holistic City Deal's development.

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The Wollongong City Deals Collaborative will:

1. Work together to ensure that Wollongong is well-positioned and ready to negotiate a City Deal across all levels of Government
2. Develop a compelling case for a Wollongong City Deal through cohesive leadership and collaborative actions
3. Build the compelling case based on strong evidence and robust analysis
4. Determine the geographic reach of the City Deal, as well as its potential issues and opportunities
5. Various frameworks used as an exemplar models/ frames of reference
6. Determine the Wollongong priority projects, in line with the City Deal domains for action and model MOU
7. Determine the best approach to navigate the City Deals policy framework and political landscape to ensure that the Collaborative strategically positions Wollongong for an optimal outcome.