

During the community and stakeholder workshops conducted as part of the Cessnock 2020 community engagement strategy participants were asked to visualise Cessnock and its surrounding area in 10 years time and imagine the place they would like it to be in the year 2020.

The comments received in relation to what an ideal Cessnock would look like have been listed at Appendix 1 according to a number of themes that emerged.

These have been collated into the following overall desired outcome for the Cessnock of the future. This statement covers the five Key Directions in the Plan.

Cessnock will be a cohesive and welcoming community living in an attractive and sustainable rural environment with a diversity of business and employment opportunities supported by accessible infrastructure and services which effectively meet community need.

In summary, the Community Vision is:

**Cessnock -
thriving, attractive and welcoming.**

