

GCRO and COGTA & Urban Planning

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GSDF Implementation Challenges



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1. The GCR must be made **more compact** in extent
2. **Compaction** of the GCR must be accompanied by **complex intensification of the urban system**
3. The GCR must itself be re-defined and re-shaped to **reflect a compact, complex pattern**
4. **Growth management** and associated governance must eliminate urban sprawl and marginalisation of communities
5. **Resources** that at present direct settlement into and beyond the urban fringes must be **re-directed** to urban compaction and complex intensification
6. The provision of **lower-income rental accommodation** through the formalisation of **upgrading, re-purposing and re-development of sites in well-located areas** must be encouraged
7. Bolster **service infrastructure and social facilities** in nodes, suburbs and townships identified for this densification
8. **Inclusionary housing and social housing** are to be encouraged in all new housing initiatives
9. Further intensification will be directed into **Transport Oriented Development (TOD)** nodes and public transport corridors

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10. **Transport infrastructure (road and rail)** is to be **re-thought** as a primary shaper of urban form and extent historic peripheral townships (which have, over the years, become more integrated into the adjacent urban systems from which they were excluded) are to receive further direct integration focus
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12. **Newer peripheral settlements** that are not well located relative to urban integration **are not to be expanded**
13. All development projects and economic investment programmes and initiatives are to be understood and directed in terms of the extent to which the precepts of the compact, complex city are being met and the multiplier effects that are likely to be generated
14. The **‘provincial hinterland’** (the present loose assembly of land having environmental significance and ecological sensitivities and principle, conservatories, land with heritage and tourism principle, and land having agricultural potential), is to be **consolidated into a spatial entity** regarded as the **Urban Support Zone (USZ)**

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10. The **USZ is to be interfaced with an interwoven bio-diversity system** that is laced through the compact, complex urban system
11. Many aspects of **sustainable infrastructure** supporting a vast urban system cannot be considered at a local municipal level and need to be conceived holistically at the Provincial level. The GSDF plays a vital role in this

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- **Constitutional/legal impediments** e.g. local government responsibility for local planning
- Implementation of **political changes**
- Short **time horizons**
- Implementation on **sustainability**
- Thinking about **city-region boundaries**
- Impact of **issues not focused** e.g. crime
- Problem of the **periphery**
- **Intergovernmental coordination**
 - Relationships with national government
 - Horizontal coordination across provincial departments e.g. Human Settlements
 - Articulation with municipalities
 - Effectiveness of the the District Development Model (DDM)

Thank You

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