

# OUR ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

21,605  
Estimated Residential  
Population 2019

50.7% 

49.3% 

33.4%  
of local workers or  
2,222  
people make up  
the top 3 fields in  
our workforce

GRP  
**\$1.66**  
BILLION  
(NEIR 2020)

1,318  
Local businesses  
(September 2020)

76.3% OF RESIDENT WORKERS  
WERE EMPLOYED LOCALLY  
(2016 CENSUS)

## Top 3 industries by sales

CONSTRUCTION **\$271M**

ELECTRICITY, GAS,  
WATER & WASTE  
SERVICES **\$150M**

PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION  
& SAFETY **\$123M**

HEALTH CARE &  
SOCIAL  
ASSISTANCE

11.4%  
761 PEOPLE

MINING  
11.0%  
734 PEOPLE

PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION  
& SAFETY

10.9%  
726 PEOPLE

8,349  
Local jobs  
(NEIR 2020)

8,902  
Employed residents  
(NEIR 2020)

5.5%  
Unemployment rate  
2020 September quarter

19.8%  
Of resident workers  
travel outside of  
the area to work

## ESTIMATE IMPACTS COVID 19

SEPTEMBER QUATER 2020 COMPARED  
TO SEPTEMBER QUATER 2019

-5.7%  
GRP change

(New South Wales:  
-3.9%)

-3.3%  
Local Job Change

(-4.9% without the  
JobKeeper scheme)

2.5%  
Employed resident  
change

(-0.7% without the  
JobKeeper scheme)

59.2%  
Of resident workers have  
a qualifications  
(certificate level or higher)

23.1%  
Of resident workers have  
a tertiary qualification

53.5%   
46.4%   
local workers

## SE1 – WE ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT

DELIVERY PLAN (2017-2022)	OPERATIONAL PLAN (2021-2022)			
ACTION	Action	Deliverable	Target	Responsible Department
SE1.1 Our area is an attractive place to invest and visit.	SE1.1.1 Take a lead role in business and investment attraction.	Update and keep current "Invest Lithgow" website	100% complete	Economic Development & Tourism
		Attend economic and tourism forums to profile Lithgow and advocate for development and business opportunities within the LGA.	100% complete	
		Respond to business/investment enquiries and coordinate with other departments as per Policy 4.6	100% complete	
SE2.4 Work with local business and industry to generate growth opportunities.	SE2.4.1 Support local business and workforce capacity building across all locations in the LGA.	Work with large industry to ensure retention and employment in the LGA.	100% complete	
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		Deliver localised business growth programs and workshops to enable business competency.	100% complete	
		Promote and execute the Main Street Façade Program promoted.	100% processed	
	SE2.4.2 Ensure sound communications across the community and with Council to assist with encouraging growth.	Meetings of the Economic Development Advisory Committee conducted as per the Terms of Reference	4 per annum	
Monthly Business and Tourism Matters E-Newsletter delivered to y inform on business support services and opportunities		12 per annum		

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2021-2022

Project	Project Costs \$	Funded from Grants \$
<p><b>Lithgow Evolving Economy Plan (LEEP)</b></p> <p>The Lithgow Evolving Economy Plan (LEEP) involves making the necessary preparations for the transition of the Lithgow Economy from one based on coal and electricity generation to other, yet to be determined, business and industry sectors. The first stage of the project will involve a partnership with the NSW State Government (Department of Regional NSW) involving the engagement of an expert consultancy with support from a reference group to formulate an action plan.</p>	250,000	(250,000)