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**REGIONAL PLAN-PLENTY OF PLATITUDES, SHORT
ON IMPLEMENTATION**

The new Central Coast plan 2041 has lofty ideals but unfortunately hasn't acknowledged the stark realities confronting implementation.

Recent data demonstrates that the processes involved in releasing land and development are mired in planning delays, congestion is growing and pressure on current services such as health and education is problematic at best.

"There are currently millions of dollars' worth of development applications stuck in the system with Central Coast Council under resourced leading to long delays." Mr Harris said.

"Current housing targets are not being met and this has put enormous pressure onto both the mortgage and rental markets leading to housing stress across the board and local service organisations are struggling to cope with food and support services." Mr Harris said.

"Public transport is confronted with the same issues of congestion and the current government has failed to create a network of bus priority lanes and signalling even on new road constructions. said Mr Harris

"This plan is yet another "cookie cutter" document with lofty platitudes but failing when it comes to direct, achievable sets of outcomes to actually deliver for residents of the Central Coast". said Mr Harris

A NSW Labor Government, if elected in March 2023, will focus on short and medium term strategies with measurable outcomes in public transport, housing, infrastructure and delivery of services.

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