Map 17: Future directions for transport

Transport
- Improved future transport links such as bypasses and river crossings
- Goulburn Valley and Hume transport corridors
- Arterial road
- Freeways and highways
- Active freight rail line
- Active freight and passenger rail line
- Active passenger rail station
- Airports
- Freight logistics precinct
- Settlements with town bus service(s)

Access and connectivity
Key transport links will continue to provide flexible and adaptable freight access. Links to and from smaller communities for education, employment and other activities will be critical as the demographics change.

Supply chains
In the future, key transport spines within the region will require good connections to gateways and markets across the state and Australia.

Technological advancements
The rollout of the NBN may reduce the need for some travel purposes such as health and education.

Safe, reliable and resilient
The local road network will need to be adaptable in order to cope with changes in logistical operations such as higher volume trucks as well as major disruptions. Ensuring infrastructure is maintained will be critical.

Amenity and useability
Tourism is a key economic generator for the region with, for example, the alpine resorts and rail trails that provide access to boutique food and wine outlets. Improving connectivity, amenity and useability into the future will be important to retaining this economic function.

Freight and logistics precincts
Opportunities exist in the region to continue to develop existing and establish new freight and logistics precincts in strategic locations as part of a national network of such precincts.

Network capacity
Future capacity upgrades may be required for specific road and rail links such as new bypasses and/or river crossings. This will assist in meeting growing freight demands and changes in passenger travel requirements as the population grows.