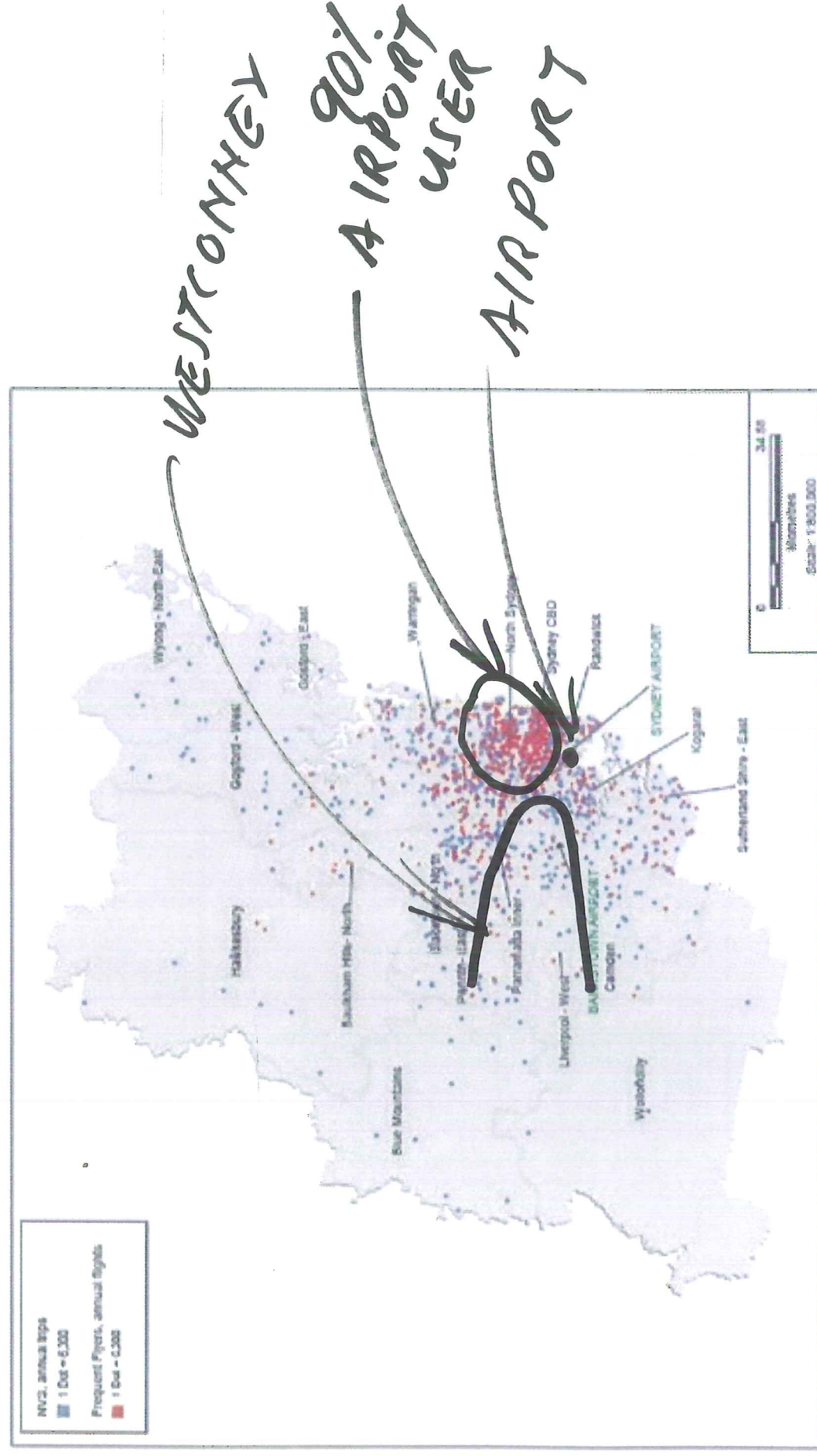


Figure 16.1 Air trips by statistical local area of residence, Sydney



Source: Joint study on aviation capacity in the Sydney Region, Australian and NSW governments, 2012

the focus remains on maximising the ability to facilitate international, domestic and regional passenger traffic, and related freight operations.

### 16.1.2 Infrastructure development

Sydney Airport's development plan has been designed to ensure the airport can continue to meet forecast growth of air travel for tourism and trade well beyond the planning horizon of the Master Plan. Beyond the scope of this Master Plan, there is substantial further potential to grow passenger traffic at the airport to meet demand:

- The forecast schedule for 2033 in the Master Plan does not use all available slots within the existing regulations.
- The potential physical capacity of the airport, including terminals, aprons, parking bays, taxiways and runways, could comfortably accommodate higher traffic than is allowed under the current operational regulations
- There are opportunities for further apron and terminal development beyond those included in the Master Plan to the north of T1 and in the South East Sector of the airport
- There are opportunities to increase road and car parking capacity in the long term, particularly with

the commitment by the federal and state government to fund WestConnex.

In addition to these on-airport investments, it will be important in the long term for continued development of the broader Sydney road, bus and rail networks, including appropriate connections to Sydney Airport. The need to enhance the road network and public transport in the Sydney Airport/Port Botany precinct has been recognised in the Joint Study, the State Infrastructure Strategy (SIS), the TfNSW Transport Master Plan, and the NSW Visitor Economy Taskforce (VET).

The NSW Government has committed to delivery of several initiatives identified in the SIS including WestConnex and associated enabling works. Throughout 2012 and this year, Sydney Airport has worked extensively with the NSW Government to develop a number of road and ground transport upgrades both on and off-airport, supported by the Australian and NSW Government's commitment to construct the WestConnex Motorway by 2022 as well as the priority development of WestConnex enabling works in the airport vicinity. This will significantly improve the experience for passengers and others travelling to and from the airport and reduce the impact of non-airport traffic in the area by increasing 'green traffic light' time, creating additional lane capacity and reducing traffic congestion at key intersections.