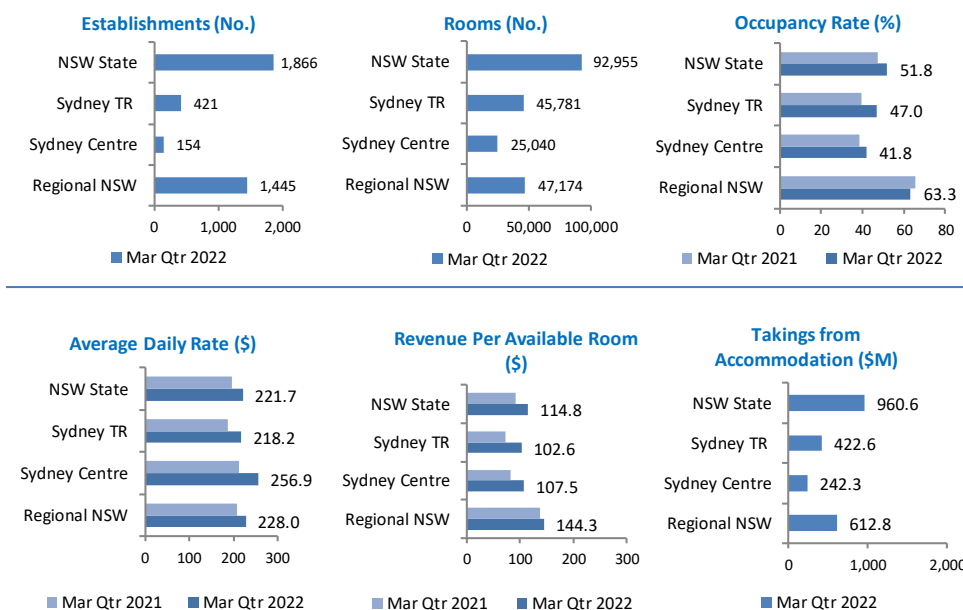


Accommodation supply in NSW in March quarter 2022 was higher than December quarter 2021 – there were 7 more establishments and 706 rooms. With the double vaccination rate of the NSW eligible population reaching 93 per cent by mid-January. There was reduction of the intervals between the second and third doses of vaccination as the Covid-19 omicron cases were rising in NSW during January 2022. However, travel by Sydney residents to regional NSW was delayed until 1st November due to the lower vaccination rates in regional NSW’s population. Although, January 2022 saw an increase in Covid-19 cases, NSW and Sydney occupancy rate in March quarter 2022 was above March quarter 2021 and Regional NSW’s occupancy rate was down in March quarter 2022 (up 5 percentage points, up 8 percentage points and down 2 percentage points, respectively).

Regional NSW holds the lion’s share of State properties (77 per cent) and a slightly larger majority of rooms (51 per cent).

Establishments with 10 rooms or more<sup>1</sup>



**Time series charts to March 2022** mirror the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with a massive drop in NSW accommodation performance in April 2020 and a turbulent recovery since. The increased participation in intrastate travel, after easing of restrictions, has resulted in Regional NSW leading the recovery. The lockdown and state border restrictions imposed in June 2021 in response to the Sydney COVID-19 outbreak saw decline in accommodation performance for NSW since July 2021. However, with lockdown ending in NSW in October there was a significant improvement in results since November. The accommodation performance decline in December 2021 due sudden surge in Omicron cases was recovered in March 2022.



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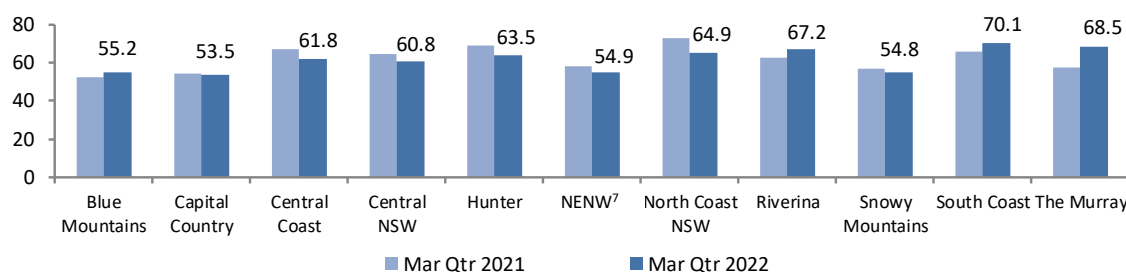
Occupancy rates in Regional NSW exceeded Sydney's from June 2020 and continued to do so until July 2021. Sydney recorded a higher occupancy rate than regional NSW in the months of August and September 2021, however, Regional NSW retook the lead from the month of November 2021.

## Regional NSW

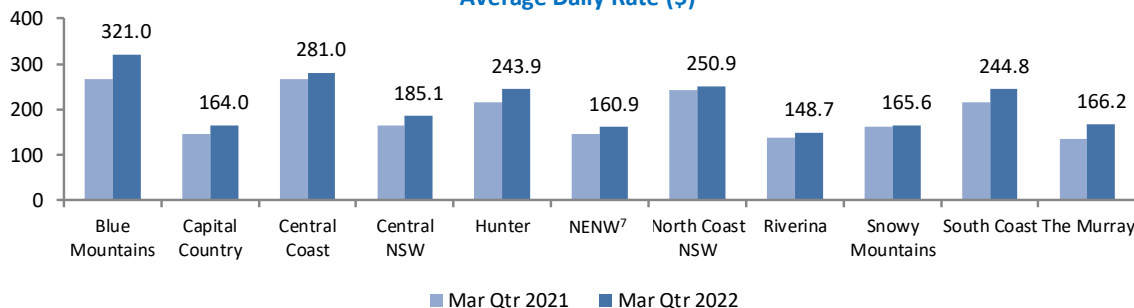
North Coast NSW tourism region, like in the December quarter 2021, leads Regional NSW and accounts for 23.5 per cent of establishments and 22.5 per cent of rooms. It also leads in terms of room revenue takings in Regional NSW with 25.4 per cent share.

Regional NSW areas (except Blue Mountains, South Coast, Riverina and Murray) recorded decreases in Occupancy rate in March quarter 2022 as compared to March quarter 2021. However, Average Daily Rate increased across all tourism regions in March quarter 2022. Revenue per available room increased across all tourism regions except Central Coast, North Coast and Snowy Mountains. When compared to December quarter 2021, all regions recorded a significant increase in occupancy rates.

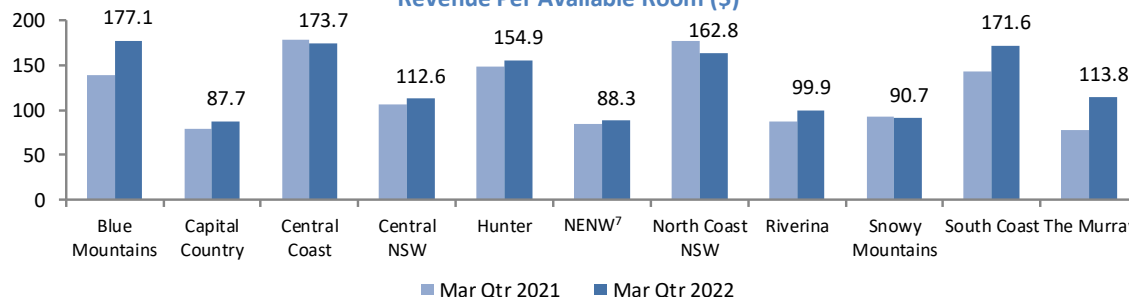
Occupancy Rate (%)



Average Daily Rate (\$)



Revenue Per Available Room (\$)



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