

Summary of the review of capital city strategic planning systems

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We have reached a critical juncture in cities...

Capitals unprepared for freight growth

A great city needs a bold and grand plan

GLENN BYRES KIMS THE DRIVE TO HELP CHANGE THE COURSE OF SYDNEY'S FUTURE FOR THE BETTER

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More effective capital city plans will boost growth

Managing our cities better will pay a productivity dividend

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Biggest cities failing the test on planning

DAVID CRONIN
ANNABELLE FORTWORTH

THE nation's two biggest cities have failed planning for the steep federal bank bailout of \$400 billion in a finding that is deepening fears of infrastructure. Sydney and Melbourne stand in a major way planning to be relevant while Adelaide flounders.



Jane-Frances Kelly says you can't please everybody

Time to take tough line with nimbys

Ben Hurley

Governments should work to involve residents in planning decisions, while still taking a tough approach.

are the hardest," Ms Kelly said. "I try to talk to people about what a no-change scenario would look like. "If you have a suburb that is all ageing at the same time, you are even-

Economic fix: fewer traffic jams, more childcare

Marcus Priest

States and territories would get financial rewards for cutting traffic jams, increasing the number of childcare centres and easing housing shortages under a new plan to create a productivity "super cycle" through better city planning.

Launching a new "Make My City Work" campaign at the National Press Club, Property Council of Australia chief executive Peter Verwer said the government should also recognise its infrastructure fund as the population grew.

He said the concept of "urban productivity" had been neglected. "Urban strategies and urban policy are the things that don't swing," Mr Verwer said.

A key component of the campaign is a new website, designed by the Allen Consulting Group, which models demographic, infrastructure and fiscal scenarios in Australia based on data from the last *Asian-Generational Report* by Federal Treasury.

It shows what services and new housing will be needed to deal with population growth up until 2050. In

You only have to look at Asia to find countries that see that investing in cities is the No. 1 priority.

Peter Verwer, Property Council of Australia

means of delivering it to them? is the definition of strategic plan and that is what we need more anything else."

Another key part of the case is the call for the federal government to replicate the National Compact Policy through payments and (lines to states and territories to manage more effective cities police new urban policy plans and such as for housing affordable childcare places and greenhouses investment in the property sector.

"There are targets which have never - for example, you child live in poverty by 1997 - but are targets and there are targets Verwer said.

"Targets are important but there set a direction, then follow

States told to lift their game on public-private project planning

Why our mindset must change

she said.

Ms Kelly was discussing the findings of her latest report, *Getting the Housing Mix Right*, at an event hosted

enemy. It is an unproductive dialogue where a politician will hear that there's somebody getting incredibly upset and saying "It's my job to

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The Council of Australian Governments agreed ambitious objectives for capital cities...

*globally competitive,
productive,
sustainable*

*liveable,
socially inclusive*

*well placed to meet
future challenges
and growth*

We must not be naive...

We are in a region of growing and productive cities—ours must be productive too.

The productivity of our cities will determine the productivity of our nation.

Productive cities attract people and capital if they are efficiently arranged and used.

Think good transport, access to jobs and labour, growing businesses, and good freight and logistics.



Capital city strategic planning systems should...

1. Be integrated

2. Have a hierarchy of long-term public plans

3. Provide for nationally significant economic infrastructure

4. Address nationally-significant policy issues

5. Consider and strengthen networks and connections

6. Provide for evidence-based land release

7. Provide for investment and innovation

8. Encourage world-class urban design and architecture

9. Provide implementation arrangements and supporting mechanisms including:

- clear accountabilities, timelines & performance measures
- intergovernmental coordination including under the EPBC Act
- evaluation & review
- consultation & engagement

Recommendations are for all governments and systems

- Focus on **improved integration**
- Continue with **intergovernmental collaboration**
- Get better at:
 - **implementation and getting results**
 - **frameworks for private sector investment**
 - **community engagement**

But, what of local government?

- Not formally part of the review—reflecting the nature of the agreement
- But picked up by criterion 9 (b) which requires intergovernmental coordination
- The overall picture is formally okay, but minimal processes and we were unable to determine their effectiveness

Governments need to stay on this issue

Cities drive national productivity, a critical area of COAG's focus right now. For that reason cities need to stay in the national conversation and on the national agenda.

