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# Liveable cities program

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PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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## Minister's Foreword



The Liveable Cities Program has been established by the Australian Government to improve the quality of life in our cities. The program seeks to foster innovative solutions to address issues of: poor urban design and the need for improved quality open space and public places; high levels of car dependency and traffic congestion; and rising carbon emissions and a need to tackle the challenges of climate change.

The Australian Government is committed to making our cities work better. The Australian Government has significant investment in Australia's urban communities through its contribution to the development of economic, transport and other infrastructure, health, housing, education and training, and social services and welfare. These investments influence the way cities are planned, managed and developed.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed on a national objective to ensure Australian cities are globally competitive, productive, sustainable, liveable, socially inclusive and well placed to meet future challenges.

The Australian Government released its National Urban Policy – *Our Cities, Our Future* – in May 2011. The Policy represents an important contribution by the Australian Government to COAG's cities reform agenda.

The Liveable Cities Program shows the Government's commitment to make the largest of our cities and regional centres even more productive, sustainable and liveable.

The program will seek to improve the capacity of regional cities to undertake strategic planning in line with the COAG agreed criteria and will support the development of demonstration projects that facilitate urban renewal and strategic urban development.

These guidelines detail how the Government will administer the Liveable Cities Program to ensure it meets the objectives.

I look forward to working with state, territory and local governments, and their non-government and private sector partners, to deliver projects to improve planning and that demonstrate how our cities can be more productive, sustainable and liveable.

ANTHONY ALBANESE

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Program background

The Liveable Cities Program is a \$20.0 million program over 2011-12 and 2012-13 by the Australian Government to help improve the planning and design in capital cities and major regional cities that are experiencing population growth pressures and housing and transport affordability cost pressures. The program will seek to improve the capacity of regional cities to undertake strategic planning in line with the Government's National Urban Policy and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed criteria. The program will also support the development of demonstration projects within capital cities and major regional cities that drive urban renewal and strategic urban development that contributes to improving the productivity, sustainability and liveability of our cities.

The Liveable Cities program is one component of the National Urban Policy which targets the more effective planning and design of our cities and efficient use of new and existing infrastructure.

### 1.2. Program Structure

There are two program streams under the Liveable Cities Program:

#### **Stream 1** - Planning and Design

- Projects seeking funding under this stream can apply for Australian Government funding contribution of up to \$500,000 (GST Exclusive).

#### **Stream 2** - Demonstration Projects

- Projects seeking funding under this stream can apply for Australian Government funding contribution of up to \$4 million (GST Exclusive).

Applicants will need to demonstrate how projects funded under both streams will be completed within the two year life of the program (see Attachment A for the program timeline).

### 1.3. Program objectives and outcomes

The objective of the Liveable Cities Program is to improve the planning and design of major cities that are experiencing population growth pressures and housing and transport affordability cost pressures.

Outcomes of the Liveable Cities Program will include:

- Demonstration projects that facilitate innovative residential developments that promote housing affordability, adaptable and accessible housing and improve access to services and public transport;
- Projects that create or enhance mixed use precincts that optimise public transport use such as the creation of transit malls and the redevelopment of significant public spaces; and
- Strategic plans for major regional cities with populations greater than 100,000 in line with the COAG criteria for capital city strategic planning systems, including the identification and preservation of critical infrastructure corridors, sites and buffers.

### 1.4. Roles and responsibilities

The funding approver for the Liveable Cities Program will be the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

## 2. Eligibility

### 2.1. Who is eligible for funding?

Funding will be provided for projects located in the 18 Major Cities that are the subject of the National Urban Policy. These cities are:

- Sydney
- Melbourne
- Brisbane
- Perth
- Adelaide
- Gold Coast-Tweed
- Newcastle
- Canberra-Queanbeyan
- Wollongong
- Sunshine Coast
- Hobart
- Geelong
- Townsville
- Cairns
- Toowoomba
- Darwin
- Launceston
- Albury-Wodonga

Funding will be provided only to a State or Territory government or a local government. State, Territory and local governments are encouraged to submit applications in partnership or collaboration with the other level of government.

Funding can also be provided to consortia, for example a consortia of local governments or a consortia involving State/Territory and local governments and a not-for-profit organisation. Consortia need to be supported by appropriate legal arrangements and these arrangements need to be in place prior to project funding being provided.

Applications for projects that involve more than one party will need to identify which party is the lead party for the application. Project funding will only be provided to the lead party. Applicants may submit only one application for a planning project and one for a demonstration project, but there is no limit on membership of consortia.

A list of the Local Governments within the 18 Major Cities is at Attachment B.

### 2.2. What type of projects are eligible for funding?

Projects that are eligible to apply for funding include planning, feasibility assessment, design and construction projects. Further details on the types of projects that can be funded from Stream 1 and Stream 2 are contained in sections 3 and 4 of these Guidelines.

The Australian Government will contribute a maximum of 50% of the project cost. The maximum Australian Government funding contribution for Stream 1 projects is \$500,000 (GST Exclusive) and for Stream 2 projects is \$4 million (GST Exclusive). Projects with a high degree of partner contributions will be favourably considered.

The Australian Government funding contribution to projects will be through the provision of capped funding contributions. Funding contributions from applicants can be through the provision of financial contributions or in-kind contributions.

The Liveable Cities Program will run for two financial years, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Applicants will need to demonstrate how the Australian Government component of their project will be completed within

the two year life of the program. Funding of projects under this Program does not imply that further funding will be made available for these projects, or for subsequent stages/implementation of them.

### **2.3. What type of projects are ineligible for funding?**

Funding will not be provided to projects that:

- Have already commenced
- Have been approved for funding, or are in the application process for funding, from another Australian Government program
- Consist solely of research work

## **3. Stream 1 – Planning and Design**

### **3.1. Introduction**

Stream 1 will provide funding for planning and design projects. The types of projects that could be funded under this stream include:

- Strategic planning for regional major cities
- Precinct planning
- Public and active transport network planning
- Corridor planning and protection
- Planning for projects, for example feasibility studies, that may meet the objectives and selection criteria for demonstration projects under Stream 2.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how planning and design projects will be completed within the two year life of the program (see Attachment A for the program timeline).

The provision of funding for planning and design projects does not commit the Australian Government to provide any further funding for the project.

## **4. Stream 2 – Demonstration Projects**

### **4.1. Introduction**

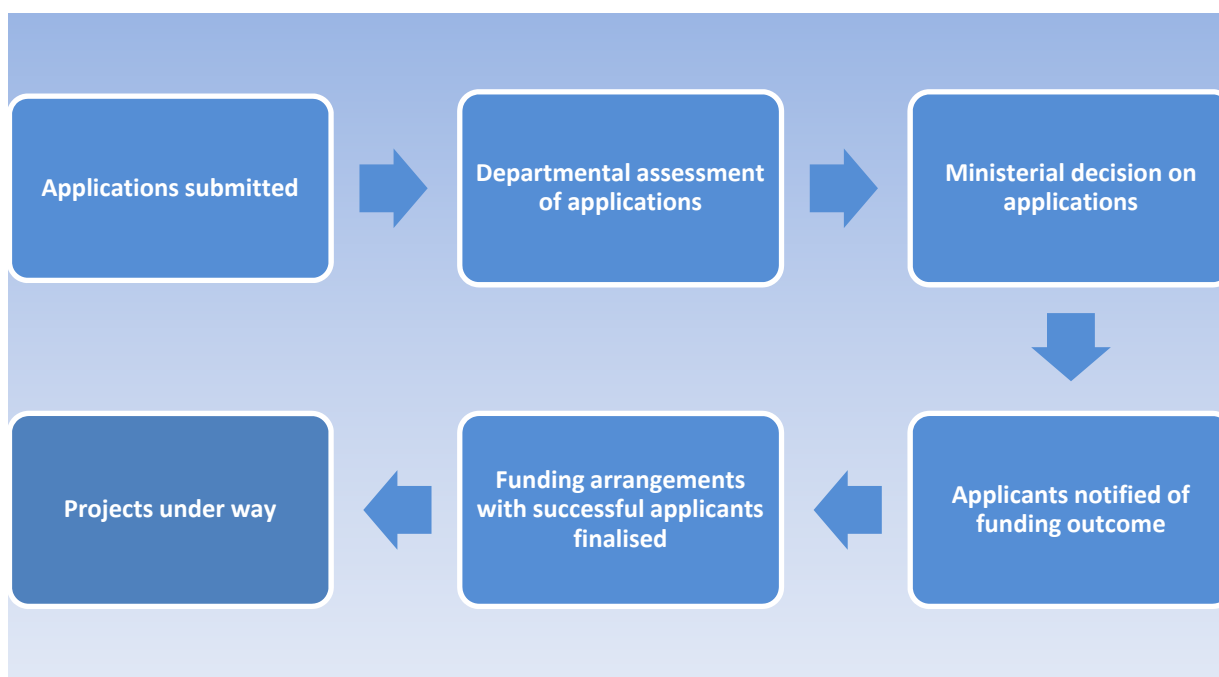
Stream 2 will provide funding for demonstration projects. The types of projects that could be funded under this stream include:

- Development of mixed use precincts that optimise public transport projects
- Improving the usability of public transport, walking and cycling networks
- Urban renewal
- Delivery of higher quality public spaces and streetscapes
- Innovative residential developments that promote affordability, adaptability and accessible design
- Optimisation of existing infrastructure by using technology
- Improving the environmental outcomes of precinct developments

Demonstration projects will be expected to demonstrate how they will measure and document desired outcomes and performance criteria, along with other learnings, challenges encountered and details of how these were overcome during the course of the project. Projects must be ready to proceed when the funding arrangements are finalised. Applicants will need to demonstrate how the Australian Government funded elements of the project will be completed within the two year life of the program (see Attachment A for the program timeline). For a project to be considered 'ready to proceed' it is expected that all relevant approvals and planning requirements (including rezoning, environmental and/or native title approvals) are in place.

## 5. Process Flowchart

The following flowchart sets out the process for applications and decisions for both Streams 1 and 2.



## 6. Application Process

### 6.1. Application requirements

Applications open on 20 October 2011. Applications must be submitted to the Department by **15 December 2011**.

Application forms are available on request from [liveable.cities@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:liveable.cities@infrastructure.gov.au).

Applications that are not in the form of the template will not be considered.

### 6.2. How to submit an application

Applications must be submitted by email to [liveable.cities@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:liveable.cities@infrastructure.gov.au) by 5:00pm AEDT **15 December 2011**.

Receipt of applications will be acknowledged. Applications received after the closing time will not be considered.

## 7. Decisions for Funding

### 7.1. Appraisal Process

The Department will assess applications against the Appraisal Criteria (see below). Applicants will need to address all of the Appraisal Criteria in their application.

#### **Core criteria for Stream 1 (Planning and Design) and Stream 2 (Demonstration Projects)**

##### **1. Policy compliance**

Extent to which the project will meet and deliver on one or more of the goals of productivity, sustainability and liveability within the National Urban Policy and/or the COAG National Criteria for Cities.

##### **2. Partnerships in Planning and Delivery**

The extent to which the project is a collaborative effort between levels of Government or across local government boundaries, and the extent of involvement/support of stakeholders, local communities, and other interested parties (for example, universities).

##### **3. Strategic Alignment**

Extent to which the project aligns with state, regional, local and/or precinct plans for the city.

##### **4. Deliverability**

Capacity of applicants to deliver the Australian Government funded component of the project within the life of the Liveable Cities Program (ending 30 June 2013), including confirmed partner funding arrangements, risk assessment of the project undertaken and mitigation measures in place and, where applicable, planning and development approvals in place (or will be in place before the funding arrangements are finalised). In the case of Stream 1 (Planning and Design) projects, the extent to which the proponent has committed to implement the outcomes of the planning project.

##### **5. Funding**

The extent to which projects have partner funding contributions.

#### **Additional criteria for Stream 2 (Demonstration) projects**

Demonstration projects will also be assessed on their ability to meet the following criteria. Projects are required to score highly against at least one of the following criteria.

##### **6. Liveability**

Extent to which the project will enhance the liveability of the city, including the long term benefits and outcomes generated by the project.

##### **7. Sustainability**

The extent to which the project will enhance the sustainability of the city's natural and built environment.

##### **8. Productivity**

The extent to which the project harnesses the productivity of people and industry, and where possible demonstrated through a benefit cost ratio analysis.

In addition, the Department may seek information relating to the viability of proposed demonstration projects, and their sustainability.

The Department will provide advice to the Minister on its assessment of the project, project risks, appropriate project governance arrangements, financing options, implementation timeframes and a recommended Commonwealth contribution for the project.

## **7.2. Appraisal Criteria**

Applicants are required to address the appraisal criteria in sufficient detail to allow the Department to make an assessment of the project against the criteria.

## **7.3. Approval of funding**

The Minister will make decisions on funding approval for projects, including the amount of funding to be offered, following consideration of the advice of the Department. The Minister will consider whether the project funding meets statutory requirements for the allocation of Commonwealth resources. The Minister will also consider whether any specific requirements will need to be imposed as a condition of funding.

Funding approval is at the discretion of the Minister, including taking into account the overall mix of projects to be funded.

## **7.4. Advice to project proponents**

Applicants will be advised by letter of the funding outcome for their project. Letters to successful applicants will contain details of any specific conditions attached to the funding. Details of approved projects will also be listed on the Department's website, having regard to any commercially sensitive information.

# **8. Conditions of Funding**

## **8.1. State and Territory Government Project Proponents**

The *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* will apply to applications by State or Territory governments (including those that involve local government in the consortium).

## **8.2. Local Government Project Proponents**

The *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines* framework will apply to applications by local governments. The Guidelines can be found at:

[http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/fmg-series/docs/FMG23\\_web.pdf](http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/fmg-series/docs/FMG23_web.pdf)

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth (represented by the Department). A template of the standard agreement is available on the Department's website at:

[www.infrastructure.gov.au/departments/ips/operational/corporate.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/departments/ips/operational/corporate.aspx)

A schedule to the funding agreement, containing details of the project, payments, milestones etc, will be negotiated for each project.

## **8.3. Specific conditions**

There may be specific conditions attached to the funding approval required by the Minister. These will be identified in the offer of funding and reflected in funding agreements or National Partnership Agreements.

#### **8.4. Amendments to project scope**

Projects are funded based on the agreed project scope at the time of execution of the funding agreement, and this remains until the agreement is varied. If a project proponent wishes to amend the scope of the project they must seek agreement to a variation to amend the scope prior to any changed scope of work being undertaken. There is no assurance that agreement to amend the scope of a project will be granted.

#### **8.5. Payment arrangements**

Payments will be linked to the achievement of agreed milestones as set out in the funding agreement or National Partnership Agreement. All payments made to successful applicants will be GST Exclusive and project cost estimates should be outlined on this basis. All funding recipients will need to manage the cash flows for each project receiving Australian Government funding.

For state and territory governments, payments will be made in accordance with the Treasurer's determination under section 16(1) of the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009*. Payments will be made by Treasury upon receipt of advice from the Department's Chief Financial Officer that the terms and conditions of the National Partnership Agreement have been met.

For all other project proponents, payments will be made by the Department upon receipt of a valid tax invoice for the amount of the payment. Payments will only be made after the Department is satisfied that the milestones and associated obligations in the funding agreement have been met.

#### **8.6. Reporting requirements**

Funding recipients will be required to provide a monthly progress report via the Department's Infrastructure Management System. Funding recipients will also be required to report any significant issues or variations on a by exception basis as soon as they arise. The National Partnership Agreements and funding agreements will provide further details on the required reporting.

Funding recipients will also be required to provide the Minister with a written statement, for each financial year in which funding has been spent or retained, as to the amount spent during the year and amount retained at the end of the year. Funding recipients will also be required to provide a report in writing and signed by the appropriate auditor stating whether, in the auditor's opinion, the statement is based on proper accounts and records, the statement is in agreement with the accounts and records and the expenditure has been on the funded project. The National Partnership Agreements and funding agreements will provide further details on the required reporting.

#### **8.7. Monitoring**

The funding recipient will be required to actively manage the delivery of the project. The Department will monitor progress against the funding agreement or National Partnership Agreement through assessment of progress reports, attendance at relevant steering committees and/or project control groups and by conducting site visits as necessary.

#### **8.8. Evaluation**

An evaluation may be undertaken by the Department to determine how the funding contributed to the objectives of the Program after the funding has been provided and the project is completed. Should an evaluation be undertaken, funding recipients will be required to provide information to assist in this evaluation for a period of time, as stipulated in the funding agreement or National

Partnership Agreement. The project may also be subject to an audit by the Australian National Audit Office or scrutiny by the Commonwealth Parliament.

### **8.9. Recognition requirements**

In all publications, promotional and advertising materials, public announcements and activities in relation to a project, a funding recipient must acknowledge the financial support that it has received from the Australian Government, in the manner set out below, or as approved by the Australian Government prior to its use.

The Australian Government reserves the right to publicise and report on the funding awarded to funding recipients. The Australian Government may do this by including in media releases, general announcements about funding and annual reports, the funding recipient's name, the amount of the funds given to the funding recipient and the title and a brief description of the project.

All other public recognition for projects will be jointly agreed with both parties receiving equal prominence in any public recognition.

Where public recognition is proposed, including media releases, adequate notice should be given of the proposed public recognition and an appropriate opportunity should be given to ensure that the proposed public recognition meets requirements. Public recognition for a project stating, requiring or implying a funding commitment by the Australian Government should not be finalised without first agreeing with the Department.

Where public recognition of budgets or forward programs for funding includes funding provided by the Australian Government, a full acknowledgement of the Australian Government's funding contribution in total and in respect of individual projects should be made.

Where any public recognition is proposed, the funding recipient and the Department should endeavour to work cooperatively in arranging matters so that both parties:

- have adequate notice of the proposed public recognition, particularly where it is a ceremony, and dates, plaques and attendance by Members of Parliament have to be arranged; and
- are provided with an appropriate opportunity to ensure that the proposed public recognition meets their respective expectations.

A provision will be included in the funding agreements setting out the public recognition requirements.

### **8.10. Guideline Updates**

The Department may review and update the Guidelines from time to time. The Department reserves the right to amend the Guidelines as appropriate to meet the policy objectives of the Government, and will provide reasonable notice of these amendments to all funding recipients. The Guidelines and any updates will be published on the Department's website at <http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/funding/liveablecities/index.aspx>.

## **9. Probity**

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that the process for providing funding under the Liveable Cities program is transparent and in accordance with published Guidelines.

### 9.1. Conflict of interest

A conflict of interest may exist, for example, if the applicant or any of its personnel:

- Has a relationship (whether professional, commercial or personal) with a party who is able to influence the application assessment process, such as a Department staff member;
- Has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the project proponent in carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently; or
- Has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain as a result of the granting of funding under the Liveable Cities Program.

Each applicant will be required to declare as part of their application, existing conflicts of interest or that to the best of their knowledge there is no conflict of interest, including in relation to the examples above, that would impact on or prevent the project proponent from proceeding with the project or any funding agreement it may enter into with the Australian Government.

Where an applicant subsequently identifies that an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest exists or might arise in relation to their application, the applicant must inform the Department in writing immediately, including advice on how the applicant intends to manage the conflict.

## 10. Liability

The Australian Government accepts no liability for any loss, damage or cost incurred as a result of, or arising from, the conduct of a project that receives funding from the Liveable Cities Program. Under the terms of the funding agreement entered into for each project, the funding recipient will be liable for any such loss, damage or costs incurred by any party.

## 11. Complaints Process

Any enquires relating to funding decisions for this program should be directed to:

The Executive Director  
Nation Building Infrastructure Investment Division  
The Department of Infrastructure and Transport  
GPO Box 594  
Canberra ACT 2601 Australia

## Attachment A – Liveable Cities Program Indicative Timeline

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Applications open                          | 20 October 2011                   |
| Applications close                         | 15 December 2011                  |
| Departmental assessment                    | Mid December 2011 – February 2012 |
| Ministerial decision & Applicants notified | March 2012                        |
| Funding arrangements finalised             | March - April 2012                |
| Liveable Cities Program funding expires    | 30 June 2013                      |

## Attachment B – List of eligible Local Governments

| Major City               | Local Government             | Major City | Local Government                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Sydney                   | Ashfield Council             |            | Cardinia Shire Council             |
|                          | Auburn Council               |            | City of Casey                      |
|                          | Bankstown City Council       |            | Darebin City Council               |
|                          | Blacktown City Council       |            | Frankston City Council             |
|                          | Blue Mountains City Council  |            | Glen Eira City Council             |
|                          | Botany Bay City Council      |            | City of Greater Dandenong          |
|                          | Burwood Council              |            | Hobsons Bay City Council           |
|                          | Camden Council               |            | Hume City Council                  |
|                          | Campbelltown City Council    |            | Kingston Council                   |
|                          | City of Canada Bay Council   |            | Knox City Council                  |
|                          | City of Canterbury           |            | Manningham City Council            |
|                          | Fairfield City Council       |            | Maribyrnong City Council           |
|                          | Gosford City Council         |            | Maroondah City Council             |
|                          | Hawkesbury City Council      |            | City of Melbourne                  |
|                          | Holroyd City Council         |            | Melton Shire Council               |
|                          | Hornsby Shire Council        |            | Monash City Council                |
|                          | Hunter's Hill Council        |            | Moonee Valley City Council         |
|                          | Hurstville City Council      |            | Moreland City Council              |
|                          | Kogarah Council              |            | Mornington Peninsula Shire Council |
|                          | Ku-ring-gai Council          |            | Nillumbik Shire Council            |
|                          | Lane Cove Council            |            | City of Port Phillip               |
|                          | Leichhardt Municipal Council |            | City of Stonnington                |
|                          | Liverpool City Council       |            | City of Whitehorse                 |
|                          | Manly Council                |            | City of Whittlesea                 |
|                          | Marrickville Council         |            | Wyndham City Council               |
|                          | Mosman Council               |            | Yarra City Council                 |
|                          | North Sydney Council         |            | Shire of Yarra Ranges              |
|                          | Parramatta City Council      |            |                                    |
|                          | Penrith City Council         |            | Brisbane                           |
|                          | Pittwater Council            |            | Brisbane City Council              |
|                          | Randwick City Council        |            | Ipswich City Council               |
|                          | Rockdale City Council        |            | Logan City Council                 |
|                          | City of Ryde                 |            | Moreton Bay Regional Council       |
| Strathfield Council      | Redland City Council         |            |                                    |
| Sutherland Shire Council |                              |            |                                    |
| City of Sydney           | Perth                        |            |                                    |
| The Hills Shire Council  | Armadale City                |            |                                    |
| Warringah Council        | Bassendean Town              |            |                                    |
| Waverley Council         | Bayswater City               |            |                                    |
| Willoughby Council       | Belmont City                 |            |                                    |
|                          | Cambridge Town               |            |                                    |
|                          | Canning City                 |            |                                    |
|                          | Claremont Town               |            |                                    |
|                          | Cockburn City                |            |                                    |
|                          | Cottesloe Town               |            |                                    |
|                          | East Fremantle Town          |            |                                    |
|                          | Fremantle City               |            |                                    |
| Melbourne                | Banyule City Council         |            |                                    |
|                          | Bayside City Council         |            |                                    |
|                          | City of Boroondara           |            |                                    |
|                          | Brimbank City Council        |            |                                    |

| Major City | Local Government   | Major City          | Local Government  |
|------------|--|---------------------|---|
|            | Gosnells City<br>Joondalup City<br>Kalamunda Shire<br>Kwinana Town<br>Melville City<br>Mosman Park Town<br>Mundaring Shire<br>Nedlands City<br>Peppermint Grove Town<br>Perth City<br>Rockingham City<br>Serpentine-Jarrahdale<br>South Perth City<br>Stirling City<br>Subiaco City<br>Swan City<br>Victoria Park Town<br>Vincent Town<br>Wanneroo City  |                     | Lake Macquarie City Council<br>Maitland City Council<br>Port Stephens Shire Council   |
|            |  | Canberra-Queanbeyan | Australian Capital Territory<br>Palerang Council<br>Queanbeyan City Council   |
|            |  | Wollongong          | Wollongong City Council<br>Kiama Shire Council<br>Shellharbour City Council   |
|            |  | Sunshine Coast      | Sunshine Coast Regional Council   |
|            |  | Hobart              | Brighton Council<br>Clarence City Council<br>Derwent Valley Council<br>Glenorchy City Council<br>Hobart City Council<br>Kingborough Council<br>Sorell Council |
| Adelaide   | Adelaide City Council<br>Adelaide Hills Council<br>City of Burnside<br>Campbelltown City Council<br>City of Charles Sturt<br>Town of Gawler<br>City of Holdfast Bay<br>City of Marion<br>City of Mitcham<br>City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters<br>City of Onkaparinga<br>City of Playford<br>City of Port Adelaide Enfield<br>City of Prospect<br>City of Salisbury<br>City of Tea Tree Gully<br>City of Unley<br>Walkerville Council<br>City of West Torrens | Geelong             | Geelong City Council  |
|            |  | Townsville          | Townsville City Council   |
|            |  | Cairns              | Cairns Regional Council   |
|            |  | Toowoomba           | Toowoomba Regional Council  |
|            |  | Darwin              | Darwin City Council<br>Litchfield Shire Council<br>Palmerston City Council  |
|            |  | Launceston          | Launceston City Council<br>West Tamar Council<br>George Town Council<br>Northern Midlands Council<br>Meander Valley Council                                   |
| Gold Coast | Gold Coast City Council<br>Tweed Shire Council   | Albury-Wodonga      | Albury City Council<br>Greater Hume Shire Council<br>Indigo Shire Council<br>Towong Shire<br>City of Wodonga  |
| Newcastle  | Newcastle City Council<br>Cessnock City Council  |                     |   |

## **Attachment C - Goals and Objectives of the “Our Cities, Our Future” – A national urban policy for a productive, sustainable and liveable future**

### Productivity

Goal: To harness the productivity of Australia’s people and industry, by better managing our use of labour, creativity and knowledge, land and infrastructure.

- Objectives:
- 1) Improve labour and capital productivity
  - 2) Integrate land use and infrastructure
  - 3) Improve the efficiency of urban infrastructure

### Sustainability

Goal: To advance the sustainability of Australia’s natural and built environment, including through better resource and risk management.

- Objectives:
- 1) Protect and sustain our natural and built environment
  - 2) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality
  - 3) Manage our resources sustainably
  - 4) Increase resilience to climate change, emergency events and natural hazards

### Liveability

Goal: To enhance the liveability of our cities by promoting better urban design, planning and affordable access to recreational, cultural and community facilities.

- Objectives:
- 1) Facilitate the supply of appropriate mixed income housing
  - 2) Support affordable living choices
  - 3) Improve accessibility and reduce dependence on private vehicles