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Our Cities – Our Future

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“We will neglect our cities to our peril,
for in neglecting our cities we neglect
our nation”

Former US President, John Kennedy



Australia is a city dominated nation:

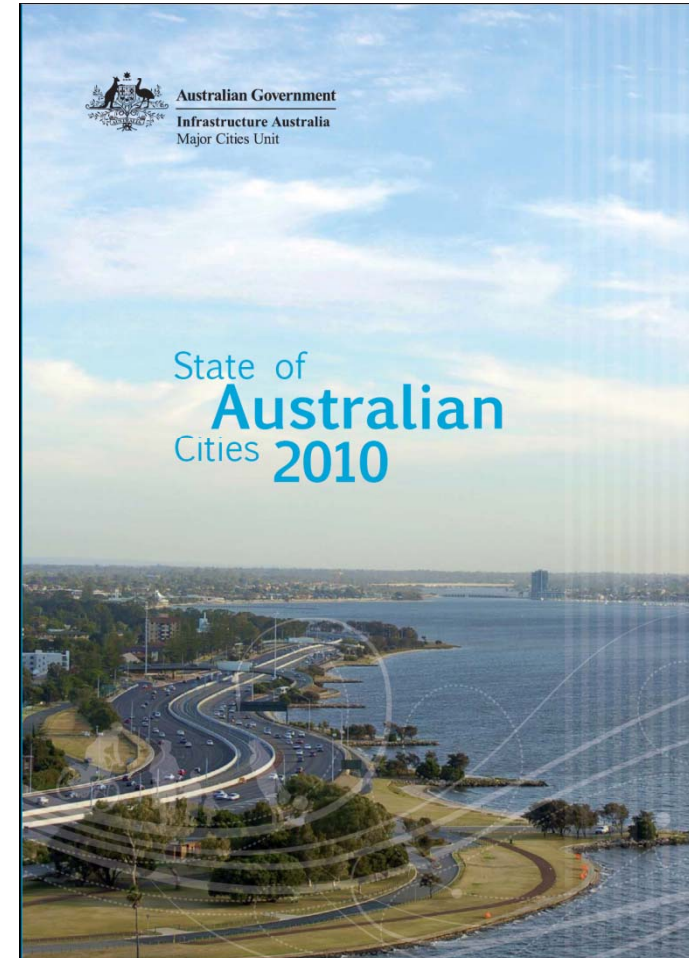
- Population
- Economic activity
- Economic growth
- Access points to global economy



Australian cities:

- Differences
- Convict and planned
- Coastal – rural: development and connectivity

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- Cities
- Sea change or tree change
- Liveability



The liveability influencing factors in cities:

- Three tiers of government
- Increasing national engagement



Cities of the Future

- Expectation-led demand
- Professional/community
- State and local government
- Residents



- A challenge
- Liveable cities for humans
- The questions

The debate we have to have.



- Infrastructure Australia's place and role
- Policy development
- Engaging local government



Alice: would you tell me which way I ought to go from here?

Cheshire Cat: that depends on where you want to get to.

Alice: I don't much care where.

Cat: then it doesn't matter which way you go.