

Our Cities

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TOWARDS A NATIONAL URBAN POLICY

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Australian Government

Government Re-engagement with cities

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- Re-engagement with urban policy and infrastructure
- Major Cities Unit
- Infrastructure Australia theme: Transforming our Cities
- Budget commitments



Related Australian Government activities

COAG reforms

- Capital city strategic planning systems
- Housing supply and affordability
- Micro-economic reforms
- Vocational educational and training systems
- Others including water, health and climate change

Commonwealth Group on Cities

- Representative from across the Australian Government
- Chaired by Secretary for Infrastructure + Transport
- Secretariat by Major Cities Unit
- Leads Australian Government's efforts in meeting its own commitments under COAG's capital city planning reforms
- Contributes to development of National Urban Policy

Related Australian Government activities

Infrastructure Australia

- National infrastructure needs
- Reform and investment framework
- Links with capital city strategic planning systems
- Ports strategy
- National freight strategy
- Public transport strategy

Other Policy Initiatives

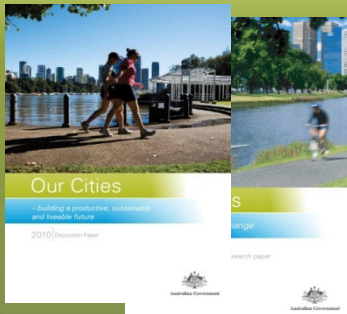
- Sustainable Population Strategy due in 2011
- Regional policy
- Climate Change adaptation and mitigation
- Social inclusion
- Social housing and affordability

Development of a National Urban Policy



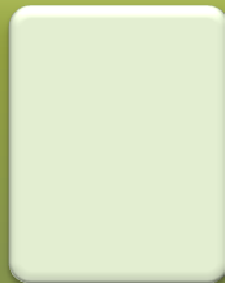
State of Australian Cities

- 2010
- Update due in 2011



Discussion and Background Papers

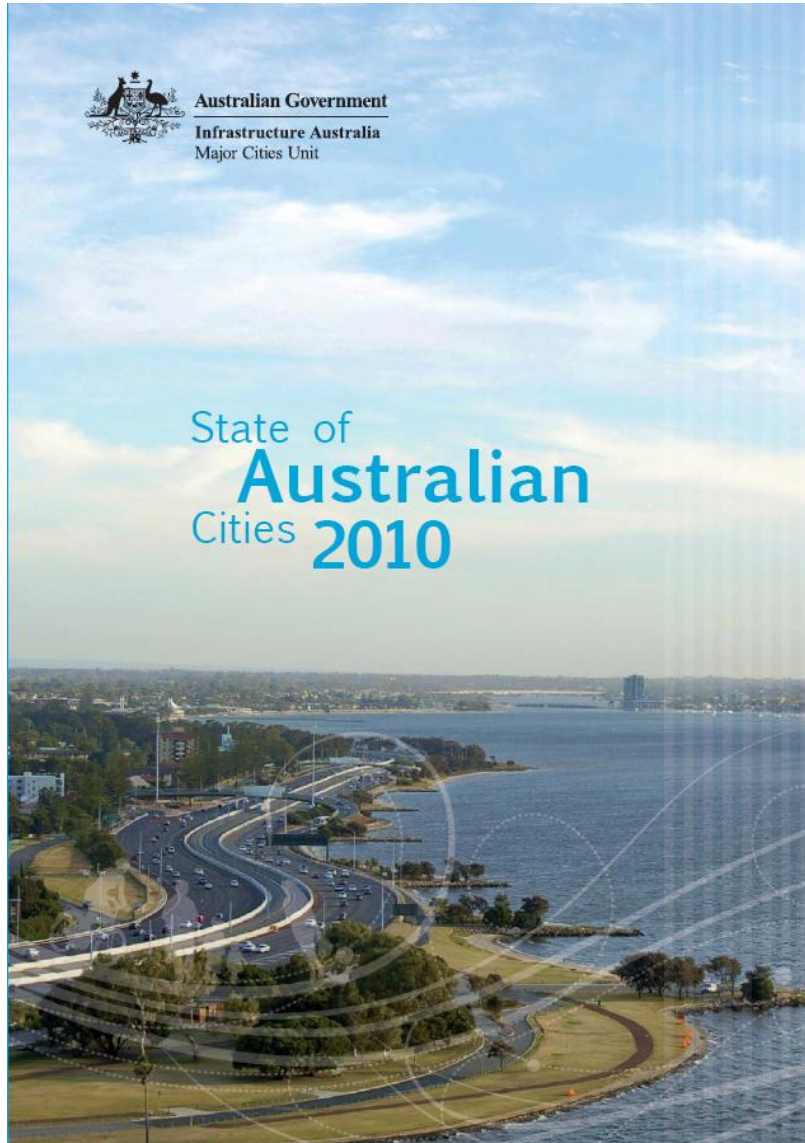
- *Our Cities – building a productive, sustainable and liveable future*
- *Our Cities – the challenge of change*



National Urban Policy

- Release in 2011

State of Australian Cities



State of Australian Cities 2010

- First document to bring together one set of data across Australia's 18 major cities
- Set of indicators to track progress over time
- Annual update commencing 2010
- 350 000 downloads to date

Our Cities – Background Paper



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The challenge of change

2010 | Background and research paper



Australian Government

Background + Research Paper

Our Cities - the challenge of change

- Builds on *State of Australian Cities 2010*
- Accompanies the Discussion Paper
- Provides an evidence base for a National Urban Policy

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Our Cities – Discussion Paper



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2010 | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

***Our Cities – building a productive,
sustainable and liveable future***

- Outlines Australian Government's aspirations for our cities
- Your Say poses 28 questions



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Productivity



- Improving labour and capital productivity
- Integrating land use and infrastructure planning
- Protecting corridors, sites and buffers
- Investing in urban passenger transport
- Improving economic infrastructure
- Utilising smart infrastructure
- Enhancing connectivity through National Broadband Network
- Supporting education, research and innovation



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Sustainability

- Protecting and sustaining our natural environment
- Improving water, energy and food security
- Reducing resource consumption and waste
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality
- Increasing resilience to the effects of climate change

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Liveability



- Balancing infill and greenfield development
- Facilitating the supply of appropriate housing
- Supporting affordable living
- Improving transport options and reducing dependence on cars
- Improving the quality of the public domain
- Improving public health outcomes
- Redressing spatially concentrated social disadvantage

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Governance



- Improving the planning and management of our cities
- Streamlining administrative processes

Our Cities – Feedback



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2010 | Your Say - Discussion Paper Feedback Survey



Feedback Survey

- Survey in pdf format (no special software required)
- 28 questions in Discussion Paper
- Can answer any number of questions
- For individuals, organisations or government agencies

Written Submission

- Upload up to three documents
- On any topic or question related to the Discussion Paper or Background + Research Paper
- Requires a log-in password (free registration)
- Responses due by **1 March 2011**

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