



Australia–New Zealand CITIES Symposium

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Statement of Outcomes

On 25 February 2019 we jointly hosted the Australia-New Zealand Cities Symposium in Western Sydney.

The Symposium was held in response to a commitment of our Prime Ministers at the March 2018 Australia-New Zealand Single Economic Market leaders' meeting.

At the Symposium, the Australian and New Zealand Ministers welcomed experts from both sides of the Tasman, who came together to discuss ideas and initiatives to improve the productivity and liveability of our major cities. Symposium delegates, comprising government officials from both jurisdictions, professional and peak bodies, academics and private sector representatives, considered issues such as:

- the importance of effective partnerships across each level of government to deliver city-shaping reforms, including the current City Deals experience, lessons learnt, and the importance of building consensus;
- the impact of population growth on our cities and the tools and approaches used for congestion management, migration policy, spatial planning and the broader costs and benefits of growth;
- the use of technology and data to improve demand management, access, people movement, and planning for city growth;
- innovative financing and tools to fund and finance infrastructure projects; and
- the role of infrastructure in shaping cities, including designing transport hubs to influence uptake of public transport and increase use of place-making precincts.

The location of the Symposium allowed delegates to visit the site of the future Western Sydney Airport and Aerotropolis, which will change the face of Western Sydney. Prior to the site tour, delegates received a briefing from the Greater Sydney Commission on the long-term vision for greater Sydney and the associated planning work and implementation challenges.

At the conclusion of the Symposium, Minister Twyford expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage in conversation on urban issues and encouraged the continuation of bilateral discussions.

The Symposium highlighted both Australia's and New Zealand's unique circumstances, and common challenges, in shaping the development of their cities. The event demonstrated the shared commitment to learn from each other's experiences and ideas, and work in partnership to build our best cities of the future.

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The Hon Phil Twyford

Minister for Housing and Urban Development
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