

Planning matters.

PIA 2013 FEDERAL ELECTION PLATFORM

Planning strengthens communities, promotes economic development and improves the choice of where and how people live and work. It helps identify hazards and reduce risks; it identifies and protects environmental, social, cultural and heritage values.

Planners enhance decision-making and help balance private, government and community interests for a better future. Planners help lead and manage change in the built and natural environment at a local, regional, state and national scale. They develop policy, identify and deliver agreed community outcomes; they contribute to solutions by encouraging vision, engaging and listening.

The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) has a central role in developing and supporting high-quality planning professionals across all sectors to deliver good planning outcomes. PIA collaborates with government, academia, industry and the public and private sectors to improve the delivery of planning services and community access to planning.

While the day-to-day implementation of planning systems is carried out largely at the state/territory and local level, the Federal Government has a role to play in supporting good planning at a national level and ensuring that Australia's resources are utilised appropriately and our tax dollars spent well.

CALL TO ACTION

PIA calls on the Federal Government to:

1 ACKNOWLEDGE the critical importance of cities and commit to a New Deal for Urban Australia to align productivity, liveability and sustainability.

- Expand the COAG Reform Council Capital City Strategic Planning Criteria to include better and deliberate management of population growth.
- Refine Infrastructure Australia's governance to better align with the National Urban Policy and improve coordination with the jurisdictions.
- Establish and fund future research priorities to support evidence-based policy development.
- Build on the success of the Major Cities Unit to deliver better outcomes for cities across government portfolios

- Establish an Urban Infrastructure Fund to unlock private sector investment to support the development of community infrastructure.
- Have Infrastructure Australia advise the Australian Government on priority projects to be funded through the Urban Infrastructure Fund and evaluated using broad cost-benefit analysis against the goals of the National Urban Policy.

2 DEMONSTRATE planning leadership to guide the implementation of smarter and more productive planning systems.

- Have COAG endorse a set of Planning System Principles.
- Promote jurisdiction collaboration to develop best-practice planning systems.
- Provide incentives for jurisdictions to adopt the Planning System Principles.
- Implement multi-objective project criteria to ensure federally funded projects deliver better outcomes, including health and resilience.

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3 IMPLEMENT policy and programs that support the delivery of healthier and more resilient built environments in which Australians live, work and play.

- Adopt the recommendations of Moving Australia 2030 to deliver better integration of land use and transport planning, and an increase in use of active travel modes.
- Support greater research and capacity building for professionals to deliver healthier built environments to achieve long-term returns through reduced health expenditure.
- Adopt and support the implementation of the ASBEC Built Environment Adaption Framework.
- Support greater research and capacity building for professionals to deliver resilient built environments.

4 INVEST in the capacity building and development of the planning profession to leverage more effective and efficient outcomes for investment in the built environment.

- Support national training programs that help capitalise on the potential of our cities and regions, including enhancing resilience, health and economic development.
- Provide tax regimes that recognise the importance of self-education for professional planners in order to maintain professional standards.

PIA'S COMMITMENT

PIA is committed to advocating for better planning.

PIA has no vested interest in development other than our desire to deliver the best outcomes for our communities. We represent close to 5000 planning professionals nationally in all sectors of employment.

PIA will continue to collaborate with a wide range of built environment stakeholders to provide a balanced perspective on how to plan and develop for the future.

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