



PRIME MINISTER

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The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
1 Parliament Place
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier *Mark,*

I am writing to you about the Smart Cities Plan, which outlines the Australian Government's objectives for productive and liveable cities.

City Deals are the primary mechanism for delivering the Smart Cities Plan. These are agreements between the Commonwealth, state or territory and local governments to coordinate urban planning, investment and reform. They will position our metropolitan and regional centres to be more liveable and realise their full potential.

Australia's first city deal was signed for Townsville in December 2016. Deals are being negotiated for Launceston and Western Sydney, and will be signed in 2017. It is my intention to develop city deals for capital cities in all states and territories over the coming years. The initial focus on capitals recognises their importance to national productivity. The Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, will write separately about a process to select locations for non-capital city deals.

I invite you to outline your priorities for a future city deal for Perth. The commencement of any future city deal would be contingent on a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes principles for collaboration and areas for action. A draft MoU is attached for your consideration. This MoU, which is similar to what has been signed with New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania, can be tailored to reflect your State's priorities.

The Government is committed to delivering a coordinated and strategic approach across the following domains: city planning; housing; infrastructure and investment; jobs and skills; innovation and digital opportunities; and liveability and sustainability. I look forward to hearing your views on how we can work together to deliver in these areas.

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The Smart Cities and Suburbs Program is another element of the *Smart Cities Plan*. This program is providing \$50 million to projects that apply smart technology solutions to urban problems in metropolitan and regional centres. Further information and final guidelines for the program are available on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website at cities.dpmc.gov.au.

A copy of this letter has been provided to the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation. My officials will be in touch over the coming weeks to discuss city deals in further detail. Alternatively, I encourage your officials to contact Mary Wiley-Smith, First Assistant Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (mary.wiley-smith@pmc.gov.au; 02 6271 5636) if further information is required.

Yours sincerely



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