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### House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities

Inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities

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Issue date: Monday, 11 September 2017

## Leading urban planning professor to appear before Committee

With a career spanning multiple decades and continents, Professor Barbara Norman is well qualified to participate in the [Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities'](#) inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities.

The Life Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and Australian Centenary Medal recipient will share her views on how our cities and regional centres can be set on a more sustainable development trajectory at a public hearing on Tuesday evening.

Professor Norman said, "Australia is one of the very few, if not only, OECD nation not to have a national plan for settlement and growth. While much of the planning and development of our cities remains the responsibility of states and local councils, the scale of urban growth is now at a level that affects national interests."

"Australia urgently needs a national sustainable development strategy that clearly outlines the vision for 2030, and beyond to 2050."

Committee Chair, [Mr John Alexander OAM MP](#), said the Committee is interested to hear ideas for achieving greater coordination in the development of cities between different levels of government.

"A plan for settlement is essential for the future development of our cities and our regions," said Mr Alexander.

"I'm looking forward to hearing Professor Norman's suggestions on how Commonwealth activities can complement those of state and local governments."

**Public hearing details: 5.00 PM – 6.30 PM, TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017, COMMITTEE ROOM 1R3, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA**

5.00 pm: [Professor Barbara Norman](#)

6.30 pm: *Close*

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

Further information on the inquiry, including the full [terms of reference](#), is available on the [Committee website](#).



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