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Body	Comments on Rec (if any)	Legislative Amendment?	Any significant Impediment to 1 July 2015 implementation?	Any amendments to portfolio body description?

Urban Policy Forum	The Urban Policy Forum has not met since the election.	No	No	n/a

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[If asked] *Major Cities Unit*

- The functions of the Major Cities Unit have been subsumed by key line areas within the Department to ensure the focus is on an integrated policy approach to benefit all Australians.
- If the functions of the Major Cities Unit had been abolished these reports could not have been produced

[If asked] *Urban Policy Forum*

- The Government discontinued the Urban Policy Forum as part of its commitment to smaller Government reforms.
- Consultation with stakeholders comprising the forum (including the Capital City Lord Mayors, Business Council of Australia, Property Council of Australia & Engineers Australia) continues on an as needs basis and these groups have been consulted since the discontinuation of the forum.

BACKGROUND

The functions of the Department's former Major Cities Unit have been redirected to more operational integration within the Department and coordination with jurisdictions on their strategic infrastructure implementation and urban development processes.

The Department continues to monitor and report on urban infrastructure and city change through the publication of the SOAC report.

The reports have a wide industry, government and community readership, which has been growing since the first report in 2010.

The research that underpins the reports has served as an input to inform the Department's national view on infrastructure changes.

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[If asked about the ceasing of the Urban Policy Forum]

- My Department maintains links with a wide range of infrastructure stakeholders, including those involved in urban planning and development, and public transport.
- These include industry, peak bodies, local government and academic stakeholders.
- We also continue to have ongoing engagement with state and territory government planning and transport agencies about their priorities.

Urban Policy Forum (UPF)

Some stakeholders may link the decision to cease the UPF to issues such as funding of public transport projects - specifically urban passenger rail. However, the Department maintains links with a wide range of infrastructure stakeholders, including those involved in urban planning and development and public transport, and may call upon former UPF members, collectively or on a bilateral basis in the future to provide expert advice or assistance in a less formal fora.

The second tranche of reforms were announced in the 2014-15 Budget, with no direct implications for the portfolio. Tranche Three reforms were announced in the December 2014 MYEFO, with the following implications for the portfolio:

- Ceasing the: Urban Policy Forum; National Disaster Recovery Taskforce; Inter-Jurisdictional Working Group; Local Government Ministers' Forum; and Australian Council of Local Government;

Portfolio	Body	Function / Established By	Creation Date	Inter-jurisdictional / National Role	No. of board/ committee members (excludes support staff)	Recommendation [Where a decision has been taken, this is indicated in bold]
Infrastructure and Regional Development	Urban Policy Forum (UPF)	Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister Albanese established and Urban Policy Forum during 2012 to bring together experts across all levels of government, industry and academic to provide advice on the urban policy agenda.	n/a	n/a	n/a	s.47C (deliberative)