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Draft National Urban Policy Submission

I write regarding the draft National Urban Policy (the Policy), the first in 10 years. As our nation continues to grow and progress, it is essential that we adopt comprehensive and forward-thinking strategies to address the challenges and opportunities that urban areas face particularly considering the current issues affecting our communities.

The national policy outlines the Australian Government's goals and objectives to promote sustainable and resilient development, enhance liveability, and ensure equitable access to resources and opportunities. However, the key drivers of success will be in the detail of any forthcoming implementation/action plan and adequate resourcing. The Policy identifies possible actions and I welcome further discussion and input into any future action plan and ratification of actions to achieve the Policy.

Currently the vision is not contained in the draft National Urban Policy on consultation. It is understood that the Policy will include a shared vision for sustainable growth in our cities and suburbs, developed in partnership with state and territory governments. If adopted, this national level policy reinforces the work of Council, and provides a means for greater alignment between the tiers of government. A collaborative approach is outlined in the Policy, which involves all levels of government, the private sector, and community, this is crucial for its successful implementation. The vision would benefit from acknowledging this wider partnership.

Support is provided on the draft National Urban Policy, noting the goals generally align with Council's Focus and Strategic Objectives contained in its Community Plan.

Should you wish to discuss the submission, please contact me at [REDACTED] r
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Yours sincerely

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