



AN INTRODUCTION

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AN INTRODUCTION

Committees for Cities & Regions is an influential network of independent, like-minded organisations each operating within their particular city or regional area to enhance their economic, social, cultural and environmental development.

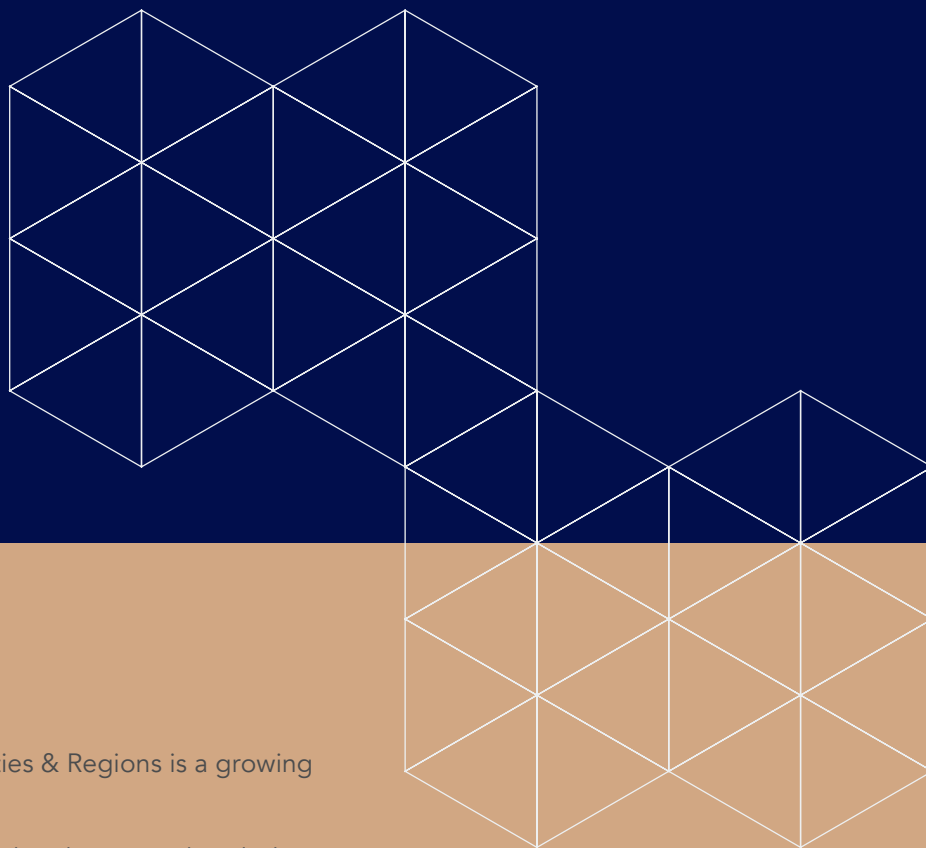
Building on the rising strength of Australia and New Zealand's cities and regions, we work together to advance issues of significance around population growth, economic development and social cohesion.

Through the individual membership profiles of the network partners, Committees for Cities & Regions is financially underpinned by almost 700 of the most significant corporate brands in Australasia.

Individually each organisation brings leaders from business and industry sectors together with community and government organisations to identify and analyse local issues and work strategically to promote the development of their city or region as an exciting and dynamic place to live and work.

By adopting a strategic, long term focus, these organisations maintain a non-partisan position, transcending short term political cycles and therefore enabling us to think and act locally, nationally and internationally as advocates for the sustainable, responsible and dynamic development of our cities and regions.

The network is a far-reaching international network of Committees for Cities and Regions, each working - to enhance prosperity, social development and community cohesion, while also making contributions towards equivalent global goals.



Committees for Cities & Regions is a growing network.

Current partners within the network include:

- Committee for Melbourne
- Committee for Sydney
- Committee for Wyndham
- Committee for Geelong
- Committee for Auckland
- Committee for Ballarat
- Committee for Perth
- Committee for Portland
- Committee for Gippsland
- Committee for Echuca Moama
- Committee for Wagga
- Committee for Greater Shepparton
- Advance Cairns, the Committee for Tropical North Queensland
- Committee for Canterbury (NZ)
- Broome Future

WHO WE ARE

Each Committee represents a membership of organisations from their city or region and works beyond electoral cycles and partisan politics with the aim of enhancing their social, economic and environmental sustainability to improve liveability, growth and sustainability.

All network partners agree to abide by the guiding principles outlined by the Committees for Cities & Regions:

1. We operate in a collegiate and cooperative manner.
2. We seek to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.
3. We are politically astute but steadfastly non-partisan.
4. We are a unifying voice and do not advance the self-interest of any individual member organisation.
5. We welcome new members who are prepared to abide by our guiding principles.

Each individual member of the Committees for Cities & Regions network operates

independently and is governed only by their relevant constitution or charter. As such, each Committee has its own vision, brand, governance structure, financial mandate, mode of operation, membership profile and specific areas of focus and action.

Even allowing for the difference in modes of operation as well as regional and metro responses to local issues, there are many similarities between the Committees and it is these that underpin the strength of the network.

Every Committee is a member based, not for profit organisation that is funded through member contributions. While individual Committees set their own membership structure, categories and fees, each relies on the investment of local business, community and government organisations.

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FROM INDEPENDENCE TO COLLABORATION

Cities, regions and towns across Australia and New Zealand are facing 21st century challenges and in order to be sustainable they can no longer afford to be introspective or conservative. In every nation across the developed world urban planners, politicians, sociologists and demographers are devising ways to define, promote and advance their region by seeking to improve the liveability and quality of life for their citizens.

It is this rise of global competition, coupled with growing population bases that has motivated citizens and organisations within urban and regional centres across Australia, New Zealand and beyond to join together to advocate on behalf of their city or region so that they too can claim a space in this vital power play that impacts economic investment and social and cultural growth.

The first of these such groupings was formed in 1985 when a group of thought leaders were concerned about Melbourne's global status following a period of economic downturn.

The Committee for Melbourne was their solution to restoring the city's confidence, building bridges between business, government, academia and the community and improving its international profile. The success of this concept has, over time, inspired other leaders in cities and regions across Australia and New Zealand to adapt the model specifically for their context.

A major strength of these individual Committees is that their longevity of commitment spans political cycles, social, economic and cultural change.

They also provide invaluable insight into the intricacies and challenges defined by spatial, geographic, political, social, economic, cultural and environmental boundaries within their local context and are major engines for growth and increased productivity.

While each Committee has established their own individual reputation and is well recognised within their local community for empowering civic leaders by providing research, ideas and solutions to regional issues, over time the potential power of collaboration and the exchange of information with parallel organisations has become apparent.

What began as informal conversations on areas of common focus was formalised in 2011 into the Committees for Cities & Regions network which not only facilitates collaboration and sharing of information but also collectively articulates the value of cities and regions on a broader scale.

Underpinned by the research, knowledge and projects of individual partners, the network has become a centre for national, cross-sector dialogue on the issues of greatest importance to our cities and regions.

The network also gains strength through the members of each individual organisation who provide funding as well as knowledge-based and practical input. These members include some of Australia's leading corporate and government bodies.

As major employers and investors in our cities and regions, these members have chosen to support the work of their local Committee and the network and, in doing so, have a say in their own city or region's future and make an enduring contribution to its cultural diversity, economic prosperity, sustainability, liveability and amenity.

ADVOCACY TO ACTION

While all of the Committees for Cities & Regions member organisations work with shared purpose and similar goals, the way in which this work is undertaken varies from Committee to Committee.

While some Committees operate from a project based platform with several task forces, sub-committees and working groups to focus or advance specific projects, others have established a position with an emphasis on advocacy and influence.

The motives for the manner in which each Committee works can be influenced by the area that the Committee represents, the nature of issues that they seek to address or by the operational capacity of the organisation.

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COMMITTEE MELBOURNE^{FOR}

A strategic leadership think tank, the Committee for Melbourne is an apolitical, not-for-profit, member-based organisation. Founded in 1985, it brings together more than 120 organisations from Greater Melbourne's business, academic and community sectors that share a common vision to make Melbourne a better place to live, work and do business in. Our collective vision for Melbourne is a global city that attracts people and organisations with its prosperity, opportunity and liveability.

As an independent organisation, the Committee transcends political cycles and single-interest groups to contribute to the debate on what our city needs in services, education and research, the arts, and technology. Through our members we contribute ideas and practical initiatives to influence the city's decision makers. Through our intensive leadership program, the Future Focus Group, we nurture the civic and business leaders who will shape Melbourne and Victoria.



Purpose: Shaping a better future for Melbourne

Vision: Global city of choice for people and organisations, due to its distinct blend of prosperity, opportunity and liveability

Ambition: Establish the Committee for Melbourne as the pre-eminent organisation engaging with leading organisations dedicated to creating a better Melbourne



The expertise of our varied membership informs our policy positions. Our input is valued by political leaders, the media, the business community and civic leaders. Recent Committee initiatives have included successfully advocating for an independent infrastructure body (Infrastructure Victoria); unlocking the capacity of our public transport system via the removal of level crossings and the establishment of a new metro rail line; and innovative financing mechanisms for infrastructure investment.

The Committee focusses on four policy platforms to support Melbourne's future growth and prosperity - Future economy, Urban optimisation, Infrastructure and Liveability.

Our particular focus is on Melbourne's future economy, and the role the changing economy will play in Melbourne's future. There are profound changes over the horizon – global forces at play are making cities the focal points of our global economy, so the role and contributions of the Committee for Melbourne are more important than ever.

Megatrends, such as growing and ageing populations, urbanisation, and the diffusion of technology, are upon us and will profoundly change the way we live, work and do business. As a result, the Committee for Melbourne will, in close consultation with its members, seek to create common understandings about how we can ensure we are prepared to take advantage of those trends for Melbourne's longer term benefit and for the benefit of all of its citizens.



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The Committee for Sydney is an independent think tank and champion for the whole of Sydney, providing thought leadership beyond the electoral cycle. Our aim is the enhancement of the economic, social, cultural and environmental conditions that make Sydney a competitive and liveable global city.

Given Sydney's economic importance to Australia, the Committee's agenda matters not just for Sydneysiders, but for the nation.



We represent no one sector or interest but we share one passion: Sydney and the role it plays as Australia's global city. We seek to bring all parts of the city together so that Sydney can 'collaborate to compete' more effectively.



Through our research, advocacy and events programs we stimulate discussion and provide expertise to support decision-makers and promote action on the issues that matter most to Sydney.

Our members include major companies, universities, not-for-profits, strategically significant local governments and state government departments and key cultural, sporting and marketing bodies.

Advocacy - While seeking practical solutions to immediate challenges, we develop 'big city' long-term thinking and aim to be visionary, ensuring that Sydney retains and enhances its competitive, global status and key economic role for Australia.

Collaboration - We are ambitious for our city and build effective coalitions with those who share this perspective. We promote new kinds of partnerships between the public and private sectors to tackle the issues and opportunities facing Sydney, becoming a 'go-to' organisation for government and firm allies of those pursuing the bold reforms that Sydney needs.

Research - Bringing together the resources of our Team with the expertise and strategic input from our members, we develop original, evidence-based research and policy development which has traction with decision makers and which provides valuable insight for members.

Engagement and Communication - The Committee has four established Taskforces and a number of Working Groups aligned with our priority areas and initiatives. These groups drive the agenda within these priority areas, provide thought leadership and help identify actions that can be delivered by members or by government.



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Established in 1998 as a civic membership-based association, the Committee for Wyndham brings together influential business and community organisations to work together to promote and enhance the social, environmental, economic and cultural wellbeing of the broader Wyndham community. Uniquely placed within the fastest growing region in Australia, Wyndham needs to confront urgent and pressing matters of infrastructure, density and the creation of localised employment and economies to ensure the realisation of a 'world class' future City.



We advocate and lobby on behalf of business and the community by working together to realise the objectives of supporting and creating a liveable future City. We do this through the raising of public awareness and by advocating for improved regional planning and social investment in our future. By doing this, we can make tangible contributions to where we all live, work, nurture and develop.



Since our foundation, the Committee has played an important role in the positive change and ongoing development and transformation of the Wyndham region. Our commitment to advocating and lobbying on behalf of our community and business members spans a number of political cycles, economic and cultural change. As an a-political association the Committee takes a long-term strategic view by actively participating in advocacy-based strategic initiatives in order to influence public policy and resource allocation for the betterment of existing and future residents and businesses located in Wyndham.

This is characterised by a continual drive for a healthy, liveable and safe environment, greater local employment, improved sustainable transport systems, a low carbon circular economy, orderly and timely planning and responsive public services for Wyndham and the South West Region.

Urbanisation has the potential to correlate not only with sustainability but also with wealth creation, social tolerance and improved living standards.



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The Committee for Geelong was established in 2001 by a group of Geelong leaders who saw an opportunity to collaborate to build a better Geelong. Well over a decade later, the organisation has over 170 members and stands proud among its global contemporaries. Our members represent the political spectrum and a breadth of industry both by sector and size; from microbusinesses through to global corporations. The Committee for Geelong can do what other interest groups are often not in a position to do.



The Committee for Geelong works with members, leaders, stakeholders and governments to independently advocate for the best overall long-term outcomes for Geelong. We provide strategic leadership and influence to leverage the economic potential of the region to make Geelong a world-class place.



Economic prosperity and innovation

- Invest in independent study and research
- Advocating for Geelong's transformation to a smart, globally-connected city developing the skills, innovation and jobs for the future
- Actively support the development of a Geelong defence alliance
- Assist in attracting major national and international events to Geelong, including the Film industry
- Actively support the promotion of Geelong region Agribusiness
- Advocate for regionalisation of government departments and major corporates

Infrastructure and capacity

- Actively support the development of Avalon Airport
- Develop a rail strategy for Geelong that is evidence-based and deliverable
- Develop a 50-year port and land freight infrastructure strategy and advocate for the development of Geelong Port
- Actively support the development of social infrastructure and policy that advance the liveability of Geelong

Community leadership and advocacy

- Develop a strong policy for Victoria's second largest city that includes sustainable growth and captures the brand essence and single voice of Geelong
- Further develop international links to benefit Geelong including working with key partners on a 'Global Geelong program'
- Develop the capacity and influence of regional leaders through the delivery of leadership programs



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The Committee for Auckland was established in 2003 with the aim of making Auckland one of the world's great places to live, work and play. With support from more than 80 of Auckland's anchor businesses, we commission a range of projects that promote positive social and economic development for our city.



The Committee for Auckland works to create a quality, well-designed region of diverse and connected Aucklanders with broad, visionary leadership and a common sense of purpose. No other organisation does this for Auckland.



The Committee for Auckland provides an apolitical, responsible and sustainable input into civic leadership through periods of change and growth. By focussing on where we as a region want to be in 30 years, the Committee seeks to fortify the strategic platform of our region's key decision makers. We seek to find a clear path to prosperity for present and future residents. An increase in residents accentuates the broader issues that derive from Committee for Auckland's strategic platform - Enabling Future Auckland - over the next 30 years:

- Addressing the lack of infrastructure planning for transport and affordable housing.
- Recognising and resolving the social exclusion tensions created by inequality and the benefits of Auckland's rapid growth.
- The need to embrace multiculturalism as a complete advantage for Auckland as a knowledge economy.
- Developing consensus around a long-term funding strategy to deliver impactful solutions to all of these growth challenges.



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Since its establishment in 2005, Committee for Ballarat has been a strong advocate for Ballarat and the western region. With its broad and representative membership base, Committee for Ballarat has advocates for major projects and initiatives that will stimulate the local economy, grow jobs, position Ballarat as the Capital of Western Victoria; and foster the development of future leaders in our regional community.




VISION

Committee for Ballarat uses vision, strategy, engagement and influence to help create a better future for Ballarat and the Western Region.

Our strategic long-term focus transcends short-term political cycles and our non-partisan position enables us to effectively advocate for sustainable, responsible and dynamic development in our region.



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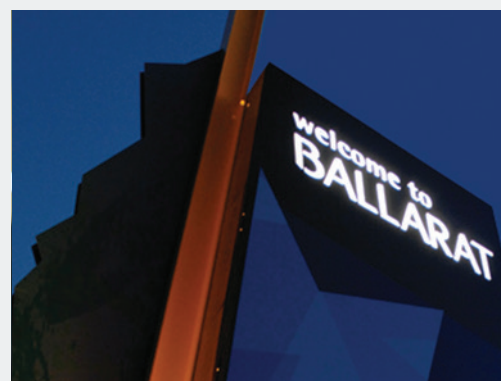
Committee for Ballarat influences economic and social agendas to stimulate investment, future-proof jobs and build dynamic, vibrant communities across our region.

Our key areas of focus are:

Jobs and Connectivity – Advocating for better connectivity (rail, road and communications) to improve productivity, create sustainable jobs, drive prosperity and build better communities across our region.

Sustainability and Innovation – Seeking innovative solutions to environmental challenges to encourage sustainable growth to support economic and social well-being across our region.

Community and Health – Strengthening regional leadership, promoting active citizenship, improving physical and social health of all residents to build healthier and more liveable communities across our region.



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Since our establishment in 2006, the Committee for Perth has focused on making a positive difference to Perth's future as we grow to a region of 3.5 million people. Our 95 members include local, national and international organisations, who set aside commercial gain, sectoral interests and personal perspectives to come together to be a united voice on the issues facing Perth.



The Committee for Perth promotes and enables change that improves the cultural diversity, economic prosperity, sustainability and world-class amenity of Perth.

We provide a systematic channel through which Perth's business and community leaders can make an enduring contribution to our vision.



Filling the Pool - This landmark report produced a clear understanding of why Perth's women are not well represented at senior, executive and board levels. The two-year research project culminated in 31 interlocking recommendations for government, businesses and women and identified the barriers to increasing participation and progression rates of women in the workforce.

Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million – This report was the result of more than four years of research and consultation with more than 600 Western Australians, from all walks of life. The report put Perth's people, economy, planning, environment, education and decision making under the microscope and provided two scenarios for Perth's future - a worst case and best case for when the population reaches 3.5 million around 2050. We worked collaboratively with our members and leaders in government, the private and not-for-profit sectors to create a vision for Perth's future.

Get a Move On! - Is a partnership research project with RAC. *Get a Move On!* is the first comprehensive study that asks Perth commuters and the business community what kind of practical, long-term public transport system they want and will define and quantify the social, economic and environmental impacts of our under-stress transport network. The final report will be released in November 2016.



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The Committee for Portland has been operating since 2008 and has established itself as the 'go to people' for industry, business and government liaison. The Committee brings together key leaders to discuss and raise issues that lead to opportunities for growth and prosperity in the region. We have established a number of working groups that assist us in achieving our winning aspiration.



Our winning aspiration is: To act as a catalyst for ideas, facilitating those ideas with the ability to add to the success, prosperity and sustainable future of the Portland Region.



Having established ourselves in the community for over eight years, the Committee for Portland has been able to establish key areas that we will do business in.

Our focus is to engage with all the major business leaders in town to explore opportunities that lead to growth and prosperity. In regional areas when business and industry are doing well the whole town prospers, making room for projects that revitalise the town.

We have been able to 'do good work' through the various committees we have established:

- Manufacturing Network
- Women in Business
- Young Professionals
- Food Producers group and
- Revitalising Portland

This has led to much success; including the launch of our new premises at the Portland Business Hub. The Board of Directors took a leap of faith to establish a co-working space that encourages collaboration and sharing of ideas and resources in a one stop business shop. This initiative has assisted small businesses establish themselves which has led to growth and employment opportunities that benefit the community.

The Committee for Portland will continue to advocate on major issues that affect our livelihood including; Renewable Energy, Rail and Road Connectivity and Manufacturing.

We promote leadership opportunities and encourage people to work together for better outcomes that lead to a prosperous town.



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The Committee for Gippsland was launched in 2011 and since that time has grown from 11 member organisations to over 90. Sector neutral, the Committee for Gippsland benefits from a diverse membership base that includes manufacturing, agribusiness, tourism, professional services, small business, community and not-for-profit organisations, the energy sector, transport, university and TAFE and utilities. The Gippsland region is large and diverse, and is comprised of a number of major townships and small communities, with a population of around 260,000 residents.



The Committee for Gippsland seeks to act as an informed and cohesive body encouraging a whole of region and fact-based approach to issues. The Committee for Gippsland advocates on projects and priorities that present transformational opportunities for the region, its economy and communities. The Committee for Gippsland seeks to positively influence government policy to achieve better social and economic outcomes for the region.



The Committee for Gippsland has a number of areas of focus.

It is currently preparing a project on carbon transitioning in the Latrobe Valley.

Our Region Our Future seeks to establish the economic relationship between the stationary energy sector and SME businesses, a future for coal-based products in a low-carbon economy, and making recommendations to government on a phased and structured transition for power stations in the Latrobe Valley.

Other areas of focus include freight and infrastructure, agribusiness and export, and skills and higher education in the region.



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Committee for Echuca Moama

The Committee for Echuca Moama is focused on the twin towns located on either side of the border of NSW and Victoria. C4EM commenced in 2011 and supports over 50 members across all industries.

C4EM is a member-based, self-funding, independent and apolitical organisation that brings together the broad cross-section of the area's private, public and not-for profit organisations (across all sectors) to advocate for the issues and initiatives that will make Echuca Moama a better place to live, work and play.



Our vision is to help deliver a more prosperous and vibrant Echuca Moama- for our people, communities and businesses.

Our Mission is to advocate for and support initiatives that will make an enduring and positive contribution to Echuca Moama's economic prosperity, social well-being, cultural cohesion and environmental landscape.



Areas of focus:

- Completion of Homelessness Strategy
- Securing \$11m for the Joint Disability Schools Project
- Critical in profiling the 2nd River Crossing to help secure \$278m in State and Federal Government Funding
- Planning considerations of River Punt Project
- Inclusion of Principles of Design Stage- 'Iconic Status' for Bridge Design Elements for 2nd River Crossing
- Special Charge (rate levy) to proposal status
- Support for Goulburn Murray Irrigation District- Socio-Economic Study
- Advocating for a faster, more efficient rail network
- Facilitating local educators to link with industry
- Supporting Goulburn Murray Irrigation District Socio-Economic Impact Study
- Influencing the development of key waterfront projects



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Committee 4 Wagga presents a united front representing the collective interests of its broad membership base including business, community and other stakeholder groups in Wagga Wagga. It's Strategic Plan encapsulates many asset and infrastructure projects that will be needed to enhance the city as it grows towards a population of 80,000 people in 2030.

C4Wagga was established in 2011 by a group of leading Wagga Wagga business executives. C4Wagga is headed up by a Board of Management and currently has 60 Members who drive and contribute to its success.



The Committee 4 Wagga's core business is to champion positive change for a better Wagga Wagga:

- To support and promote the city to ensure accelerated population growth.
- To identify and implement opportunities that will enhance our cultural, social, business and economic development.
- To provide a platform for the community, business and government collaboration to effect positive change.



C4Wagga is primarily focused on its Strategic Plan to deliver Infrastructure and Asset building for the City of Wagga Wagga.

C4Wagga also hosts the Emerging Leaders Program and the Wagga School Leaders Program.

C4Wagga has a community engagement program which hosts events such as the Wagga Live New Year's Eve event, the installation of CCTV in the CBD and the installation of the Lights4Lake project.

Main Lobbying Projects

- Reconstruction of Wagga Wagga Levee Bank
- Establishment of Riverina Intermodal Freight and Logistics Hub
- Establishment of Murray Darling Medical School
- Planning for High Speed Rail, Inland Rail Freight Route & Wagga Wagga Alternate Transport Route
- Transition of ownership of Wagga Wagga Airport to Public/Private Partnership Strategy



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COMMITTEE FOR GREATER SHEPPARTON

The Committee for Greater Shepparton was established in 2014 to unite its business and community leaders to influence public policy and advocate on issues and priority initiatives that will help strengthen the economy and make the region a more vibrant place to live. The Committee represents over 80 of the most influential businesses, community organisations and statutory authorities from the region.



The Committee has a strategic focus based on four pillars; a productive community, a connected community, a creative community and an inclusive community.



The Committee has been focussed on major transformational infrastructure projects.

The Victorian state government has committed \$170 million to stage 1 of the new GV Health hospital and Shepparton Art Museum – and the Committee had a key role in the development and lobbying of these projects.

The Committee is advocating for a state / federal government commitment to stage 1 of the GV Bypass road.

The Committee is a constructive voice on sustainable water policy, in particular in relation to the Murray Darling Basin plan. A key part of the inclusive pillar of the strategy is support for the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project – helping improve opportunities for our children from cradle to career.



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Advance Cairns, the Committee for Tropical North Queensland is the peak independent, non-government advocacy and economic development organisation for Tropical North Queensland. With the support of 90 business and community members, we provide a political leadership and create a unified voice that supports the development of business to improve the lives of people living the region.



Our vision is to realise a self-sustaining, resilient and prosperous Tropical North Queensland community and to provide wise, apolitical and united advocacy that stimulates innovative and strategic initiatives for our regional advancement.



Advance Cairns is constantly undertaking research and working collaboratively with key advocacy partners to establish an advocacy agenda that will deliver our vision for a self-sustaining, resilient and prosperous Tropical North Queensland community.

Current advocacy efforts centre around our 8 + 8 key infrastructure and policy projects which have been developed with the support of key regional organisations. The single list covers both Federal and State issues, and identifies the catalytic projects and policy required to support our future growth. They include:

Infrastructure Priorities

- Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort
- Cairns Airport Development
- Cairns Innovation Hub
- Cairns Shipping Development
- Cairns Defence and Marine Solution
- Critical Freight Road
- The National Highway
- Nullinga Dam

Policy Priorities

- Aviation Route Development
- Cultural Development
- Electricity Tariff Equalisation
- HQ Attraction
- Land Tenure & Lease Reform
- Population Projections
- Royalties for Regions
- Superyacht Chartering



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The Committee for Canterbury trust is focused on the future wellbeing and prosperity of Canterbury. We are committed to supporting both short and longer term projects that result in better social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes for Canterbury and seek to provide connections and nurture partnerships between business, government and civil society to promote cross sector engagement around key issues impacting our region.



Our strength is built, not by the advocacy of an individual member or a particular point of view, but by the collective support of our members to advance Canterbury's future



The Committee for Canterbury is committed to producing evidence based research through a network of academic and independent researchers, working collaboratively to influence policy and advocate on issues that will contribute to Canterbury's long-term wellbeing and prosperity.

CASE FOR CANTERBURY

The Case for Canterbury was the first workstream for the Committee; undertaken and completed across 2015, in partnership with the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research. It is the beginning of a conversation, which we envisage will give rise to future areas of focus and research.

FUTURE CANTERBURY

The Committee for Canterbury aims to extend the capacity of the next tier of leadership within Canterbury with this program that taps into the energy and insight of the region's emerging leaders, cultivating their passion for Canterbury and helping channel it into region-enhancing projects.



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Broome Future is a not-for-profit company established and funded by organisations and individuals with commercial and community interests in Broome and the wider Kimberley region.

Broome Future was established as an advocate for the sustainable economic, social and cultural development of Broome and the Kimberley for the benefit of the Kimberley community and industry, as well as that of Western Australia and the Nation.



The Kimberley Region and Broome will be internationally recognised as a desirable location to live, visit and undertake commerce and trade by virtue of its strategic location, as well as its unique cultural diversity, biodiversity, breathtaking natural environment and natural resources.



2015 saw the development of Broome Future's inaugural report, *Unlocking the Door*. This is a deep, evidence-based assessment of the opportunities and challenges facing Broome and the wider Kimberley Region.

Unlocking the Door: A study into the feasibility of Broome as a commercial and logistics hub for the Kimberley Region is a 370-page analysis of development opportunities and challenges, and the role of logistics in the Kimberley has been well received by the community, industry and government.

As a key city within Northern Australia, Broome Future will continue to focus on the implementation of the Australian Government White Paper on Developing Northern Australia and to work on the application of the White Paper implementation plan in the Kimberley and Broome, using *Unlocking the Door* as a vehicle, as our report strongly aligns with the White Paper.

The recommendations will be implemented over a two, five, ten and twenty year timeframe. A key feature of the plan is the \$5bn Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund which was announced in the 2015 Federal Budget.



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