



THE COMMITTEES FOR CITIES & REGIONS IS A NETWORK OF LIKE MINDED ORGANISATIONS ENHANCING THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TO IMPROVE LIVEABILITY, GROWTH & ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Building on the rising strength of Australia and New Zealand's cities and regions, the alliance of Committees for Cities & Regions works 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. This enables them to think and act locally, nationally and internationally as advocates for the sustainable, responsible and dynamic development of our cities and regions.

The international network is a far-reaching co-operation of Committees for Cities & Regions. Each works to enhance prosperity, social development and community cohesion, while also making contributions towards shared global goals.

WHO WE ARE

Committees for Cities & Regions is a growing network.

Each individual member 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.

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.

Current 'Committee For' partners within the network include:

- Melbourne
- Sydney
- Wyndham
- Geelong
- Auckland
- Ballarat
- Perth
- Portland
- Gippsland
- Echuca Moama
- Wagga
- Greater Shepparton
- Cairns (Advance Cairns)
- Canterbury (NZ)
- Broome (Broome Future)

“ **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.** ”

JOINING THE NETWORK

The network is open to any like-minded organisation who is prepared to abide by our guiding principles.

Typically, our members are:

- Not-for-profit, member funded networks that unite local business leaders to ensure the sustainable growth of their city or region - economic, social, cultural and environmental.
- Evidence based advocates for visionary long-term planning in their city or region.
- Engaging forums where their members can collaborate and channel their passion for their city or region.
- Driver of initiatives, policies, projects and activities to foster positive developments for their city or region.
- Informed commentators and credible advocates on issues affecting the growth and development of their city or region now and into the future.
- A vehicle for the business community of their region to demonstrate their commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility and Community Investment.
- Entirely funded by their member contributions and project sponsorship / partnerships / grants.

Our members are not:

- Peak sector bodies - our networks' members are cross sectoral
- Political - our longevity of commitment spans political cycles, social, economic and cultural change.
- Exclusive networks - membership is open to all.
- Government funded organisations, although some receive government funding for specific projects.

If these characteristics fit your organisation or vision and you would like to become affiliated with the Committees for Cities & Regions network, we invite you to get in touch with the secretariat.

Following preliminary discussions with the secretariat, you may be invited to join one of our bi-annual meetings to sign a memorandum of understanding that you undertake commitment to abide by our guiding principles.



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