

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT COMMENDS FEDERAL FOCUS ON CITIES

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Since 2011, the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) [has called for a nationally coordinated approach to cities](#). The Prime Minister's announcement of a Minister for Cities and Built Environment is a welcome move that recognises the Federal Government's role in and good urban policy and thriving cities.

"We welcome the Federal Government's shift in policy on cities and urban communities. The Prime Minister has resoundingly articulated the value of cities and their vital contribution to Australia's productivity and prosperity." said Ken Maher, ASBEC President.

"The appointment of a Minister for Cities and Built Environment recognises the importance of integrating city policy planning and transport, and the significance of affordable housing."

"ASBEC members and many built environment professionals have advocated for a Minister for Cities for some time. A long term focus on the "best outcomes in our cities" is so critical to ensuring that Australia continues to be a wonderful place to live and work."

### **About ASBEC**

*The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) is a collective of leading industry organisations committed to a sustainable built environment in Australia. ASBEC's membership consists of a range of key industry government and academic organisations who are involved in the planning, design, delivery and operation of our built environment and who are concerned with the economic, social and environmental performance of the sector.*

*ASBEC's activities, including research and policy development on built environment issues, are an example of a collaborative, co-ordinated approach undertaken across all segments of the built environment. ASBEC works actively to develop and promote leading practice in the design, planning and operation of our cities, at a buildings, precincts and citywide scale.*

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