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WA'S URBAN FUTURE INVESTIGATED

What will our urban future look like in 2050? Will West Australian lifestyles and housing choices be completely different or are we going to continue to develop in a similar way?

Attendees at the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) **Urban Futures Forum** will consider these questions on Tuesday 4th May.

"With the population in WA expected to almost double by 2050 we really need to look at the way we are developing and the government policies that sit around that," UDIA CEO Debra Goostrey says.

"There is a lot of new technology and new ideas for how we can develop more sustainably that really need to be explored further," Ms Goostrey said.

"At times government policy can be a hindrance to implementing innovative new technology such as water recycling," Ms Goostrey said.

"The forum is about considering these sorts of options for our future and coming up with practical ways of implementing more sustainable development practices by working together," Ms Goostrey said.

"UDIA is keen to promote sustainable urban development that retains the lifestyle features that Western Australians value," Ms Goostrey said.

The forum will feature presentations from experts including:

- Professor Peter Newman, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Unit
- Dr Tony Wong, Monash University
- Dr Brian McMahon, Parsons Brinkerhoff

A panel session at the end of the day will feature:

- The Hon Dr Sally Talbot, MLC
- Dr Lisa Wood, UWA
- Mike Maloney, LandCorp
- Alex Bruce, BLC Energy Solutions

Workshops at the forum will include discussion on "WA Values" and "The Nature of Quality Development".

Outcomes from the workshop sessions will inform the Urban Futures Discussion Paper that UDIA is currently developing.

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If you would like to attend any of the sessions contact Gemma for the full program and further details.

Attached: speaker profiles

Urban Futures: Key Speaker Profiles

Professor Peter Newman

Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute

Peter Newman is the Professor of Sustainability at Curtin University. He has just been appointed to the Board of Infrastructure Australia. In 2001-3 Peter directed the production of WA's Sustainability Strategy in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. It was the first state sustainability strategy in the world. In 2004-5 he was a Sustainability Commissioner in Sydney advising the government on planning issues and was appointed to the Board of Infrastructure Australia in 2008 and is the author of numerous publications.

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Brian McMahon

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Brian McMahon is a member of the Parsons Brinckerhoff PlaceMaking team, and specialises in the integration of land use and transportation planning. Brian led the assessment of the proposed Greater Adelaide Transit Corridors and Transit-Oriented Development Strategy and is currently contributing to the Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit study in Perth for the Perth Transit Authority. In addition, he recently led the development of the sustainable transportation and PlaceMaking plan for the new Harvard University campus in Boston, Massachusetts, and directed the completion of the master plan for a new "ed-med" transit oriented development for the University Hill neighbourhood in Syracuse, New York.

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Professor Tony Wong

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Tony Wong is a Principal of the global design firm AE COM and has an international reputation for linking research and practice in sustainable urban water management. His expertise has been gained through consulting, research, and academia and he has published over 100 journal articles. Tony is a member of the Urban Water Advisory Group to the Australian Government's National Water Commission and served on the Prime Minister's Science Engineering and Innovation Council's working group on Water for Cities in 2006-2007. In 2008, Tony was appointed Honorary Professor at Monash University.

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