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Lucy Will be Good for Sydney

The reported appointment of former Lord Mayor of Sydney and Chair of the Committee for Sydney, Lucy Hughes Turnbull AO as the chair of the new Greater Sydney Commission is a welcomed by those representing the business interests of those firms that design, engineer, assess and plan our built and natural environments.

In welcoming the appointment, Consult Australia's NSW State Manager Matthew Trigg says Ms Turnbull is the right person for ensuring industry expertise is integral to the Commission's work:

'We look forward to Ms Turnbull leading this important reform and ensuring there is an ongoing, multi-layered dialogue with industry from day one'

'Taking full advantage of industry expertise will be vital if we are to effectively address challenges like affordable housing and congestion as Sydney grows.'

'This has not been an easy reform and many challenges still lay ahead' says Mr Trigg.

'We believe a key test will be how industry is engaged and the ways in which the Commission will facilitate streamlining other government practices.'

'We look forward to working with Ms Turnbull, the Commissioners, CEO and their team as they come on board.'

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About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the not-for-profit association that represents the business interests of consulting firms that design, engineer, assess and plan our built and natural environments.

We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.

Consult Australia has undertakes significant work to further the discussion, including on how major works are financed and procured. For more visit <http://consultaaustralia.com.au/Home/Advocacy/Infrastructure>

Consult Australia are also members of the recently reformed NSW Coalition on Planning Reform.