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## BIG SYDNEY

### Young people to debate 10 million Sydneysiders by 2050

SYDNEY – From a doubling of daily commuters to the filling of city skies with apartments, a group of young professionals will debate the future of Sydney this week [31/08/17] in the company of city experts.

*'10 million by 2050'* will see two teams of thought-leaders take to the stage at Lendlease Darling Harbour Theatre from 6-00 pm, to argue for and against whether NSW capital is ready for the population increase to come.

It has been organised by a group of volunteers called FutureNet and industry-body Consult Australia, to provide young professionals with a relaxed environment to debate issues of relevance to their lives and their city.

Matthew Trigg, Consult Australia State Manager for NSW, said: “When we think of the future, too often the debate centres on technology like drones, autonomous vehicles, or artificial intelligence. Yet in truth there remains some fundamental questions that need answering: where people will live, what will people do, how will our environment respond.”

Joining FutureNet will be a world-class panel of city experts including James Rosenwax from AECOM, Hugh Gardner from ARUP, David Tickle from HASSELL, Chris Maher from Hames Sharley, Tina Perinotto from Fifth Estate, and Nicholas Bandounas.

Thomas Hansen, Vice Chair of FutureNet Sydney, said: “It is often quoted that the best way to predict future, is to create it. That’s what these events are about. Equipping young professionals with ideas to pursue so that they can play an active role in answering many of the questions our future poses.” Tickets cost \$65 and are available at [www.consultaustralia.com.au](http://www.consultaustralia.com.au)

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. **For further information please call Kevin Keith on 0420901276**

2. **About FutureNet:** Futurenet is a network of young professionals who volunteer their time to engage other young professionals about issues affecting their city and learn new skills.

3. **About Consult Australia:** Consult Australia is the industry association representing consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment sectors. These services include design, engineering, architecture, technology, survey, legal and management solutions for individual consumers through to major companies in the private and public sector including local, state and federal governments. We represent an industry comprising some 48, 900 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms with combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.