

‘CITY COMPARISONS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN COFFEE.’

Built environment body welcomes Government city data measurement tool.

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The best infrastructure, highest rates of innovation, housing affordability, and levels of investment are just some of the indicators now easily accessible in a new city comparison tool developed by the Australian Government.

The *National Cities Performance Framework [NCPF]* enables cities to be compared using the same data, making it easier to identify challenges and opportunities locally and nationally. It is updated regularly enabling more immediate and preventative policy and will enable the profile of Australian cities to be raised internationally through making data more accessible.

Megan Motto, member of the government’s City Reference Group and CEO of Consult Australia, who represent some 49 000 consulting firms in the built environment, said: “We have the tools to take city comparisons and public discussion way beyond the best coffee or the biggest sporting events, on to issues like travel-to-work time, housing affordability and opportunities for innovation because this data enables like-for-like comparisons.”

“It is hugely significant and will have real policy implications across federal and state government. As more datasets are added and the ‘dashboard’ improves and grows, as time enriches the data enabling longitudinal analysis, we will move towards a completely different, evidence-based way to manage our cities that will save governments money and improve the lives of citizens.”

You can view the new Cities Performance Framework at: <https://smart-cities.dashboard.gov.au/all-cities/overview>

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1. Interview requests: To interview **Megan Motto, CEO of Consult Australia**, please call **+61 420901276**

2. 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.

3. About Megan Motto: Megan Motto is the Chief Executive Officer of Consult Australia; Member of the Government's new Cities Reference Group; a Director of Standards Australia; Councillor of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI); Treasurer of the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) and sits on the NSW State Advisory Council for the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA).

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