

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

2016 AUSTRALIAN URBAN DESIGN AWARDS

Congratulations to all finalists in the 2016 Australian Urban Design Awards.

A national focus on cities is central to my Government's strong economic plan for jobs and families.

This is because liveable cities—large and small—support Australia's most important resource, our people.

We are at our most productive, our most creative, our most innovative when we collaborate – and high quality urban design creates the places and spaces for us to come together.

Urban design and public domain are essential economic infrastructure as we transition to a new and more diverse economy.

The shortlisted entrants for the 2016 Awards include some truly fantastic and innovative contributions to Australia's urban landscape.

These projects and designs will enhance our cities' built environments for the people they must serve, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Stronger collaboration is at the heart of my Government's Smart Cities Plan, and the planning and design profession have a vital role in cities in Australia. I am honoured to be a patron of the Australian Urban Design Awards, which promotes standout contributions in your field.

Together we can make Australia's cities even better places to live, work and visit, supporting growth, jobs and a secure future for Australian families.

I wish you all an enjoyable evening.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP Prime Minister of Australia