

SHAPING SYDNEY SCORECARD FORUM

SYDNEY --THE NEXT STEP

Date Wed July 19 th

AGENDA

Opening and introductions

Des Dent CEO FROGS

Welcome IA's cities-related work priorities – implications for Sydney
Director Infrastructure Australia

Steve Alchin Executive

Scene setting with Scorecard summary listing major achievements

David Brown Driven Media

Western Sydney Western Sydney's Innovation Corridors

Bob Meyer Cox Richardson

Sydney Commission Corridor development strategy

Rod Simpson Environmental Commissioner

Discussion on way forward

Dr Ann Turner Ann Turner consultants

Summary What do we want for the long term

David Brown Driven Media

Some important points developed from the discussions

- Getting away from averages when looking at demographics
- Mode agnostic when looking at transport needs
- Getting the balance back into planning/transport issues
- Bench marking – how we need to deal with the figures for it to be a productive exercise.
- Cities of City is not a patronising approach.
- Preserving land for the function of the city especially considering
 - Corridors
 - Industrial land

IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE ANSWERED

- How can we spread the messages of the forum further?
 - Is there a group that FROGS could present to and talk with? Perhaps with a summary of some issues and where they might go to in the future.
 - Is there a newsletter or other communication that would take an article? If so which points to you think we should cover?
 - Can FROGS provide an independent person or persons to one of your discussions to try and add ideas to the debate

A summary will be sent it to attendees and to the others who could not come

The big issue that came out of the forum was how we have a much more wholistic approach. We have all talked about that but I think this was as clear a demonstration as anything we have seen before

SUMMARY OF POINTS MADE BY PARTICIPANTS GROUPED IN TABLES

Table 1 Phil Laird (spokesperson)

Big backlog of Corridor reservations
Value Capture Govt to win rather than private
Fed Govt ownership of Corridors (future fund my suggestion)
Unbalanced tax revenue Fed 80% State 16% LG 4 %
Need better transparency in Government

Table 2 Steve Alchin (spokesperson)

More use of planning scenarios and establish certainty
Adaptive land use in corridors
Need to carefully study behavioural change and make new paradigm
Past car based use used in planning but future will be IT based

Table 3 Ludmilla Hawley (spokesperson)

Governance needs less politics more engineering economics and finance
Need system of schools getting Champions
The Govt needs to make Strategic Land Acquisitions
Need serious research and broader analysis of growth (in detail)
Need to Include Wollongong and Central coast in planning
Lack of jobs on central coast
Wesconnex Land Corridor preservations

Table 4 Dr David Thorp (spokesperson)

- There are deficiencies in government planning skills
- There needs to be greater recognition of uncertainty, with flexible plans developed to cater for this.
- Economics needs to be actively used to identify the best solutions, not just to seek funding (I finished this by saying TfNSW was an "economics-free zone" but I don't think this would be a helpful record!)
- The broader influences of corridor preservation on city planning and development are even more important than the potential financial savings.
- Government needs to work openly with the community and private-sector professionals to develop solutions (especially with regard to new technology), rather than trying to come up with all the answers itself behind closed doors.

Table 5 Mary Doherty (spokesperson)

Travel time from central coast 75 mins v/s 90 min travel time to city from Freshwater
Need non partisan planning in Government
Government to be more outward looking and Focus on corridors
Better Will there be cars 50 Years time
FROGS Central coast plan still referred to and a called the "Bloody Mary Plan"