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A Growing City? The future of Sydney depends on Governments that Deliver on Infrastructure

Following on from today's debate on the future of Sydney, the Urban Development Institute of Australia NSW (UDIA NSW) has called on the major parties to focus on providing the infrastructure to support growth.

UDIA NSW Chief Executive, Stephen Albin, said, "Sydney needs more homes to meet the demand and what it needs even more urgently is a Government that delivers on infrastructure and supports people's choices wherever they choose to live."

"Most people expect the city to grow and their suburbs to get larger – that's normal. What they also expect is for Government's to plan properly for that growth and to invest in infrastructure. NSW has to plan for the future of our suburbs and that includes a commitment to build the infrastructure our cities need to keep up with demand."

"People have good reason to be unsure about future growth, when they have been let down with undelivered promises on infrastructure. This debate should be focussed on what either major party is going to do to invest in the infrastructure needed to support the future of these communities. Whether they choose to buy a home on a greenfield site in Penrith or a new unit in Penshurst, people want to know that the Government has planned properly for that growth."

Stephen Albin said that about future housing targets won't mean much to people who leave home at 6am to join the M5 parking lot just to get to work. "The talk over a housing target of 50/50 or 70/30 is all a bit academic if there isn't a plan for how we are going to achieve it and the investment in infrastructure to make it happen."

Stephen Albin said, "any plan for the future of Sydney must focus on the infrastructure local communities need to support growth. Infrastructure that is properly planned and funded is a pivotal requirement to getting more homes built where people want to live. Local communities deserve to have their infrastructure needs met."

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