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### **People-centred planning - industry and community perspectives on the future**

At its heart, the job of urban specialists is to shape great cities and places – for people.

However, people are often on the periphery – not at the centre – of city shaping change. Whether driven by disinterest and disengagement or active opposition and outrage, genuine participation is often missing from the equation. Bringing people back to the centre of planning is our collective challenge as city-shapers.

How do we build trust in a planning system that is ever-changing, at times opaque, and often characterised by winners and losers?

This interactive workshop format will bring together the perspectives of an experienced statutory planner and stakeholder engagement specialist, this interactive session will focus on topical case studies that underscore the need to build trust in the planning system.

Urbis regularly “takes the pulse” of our clients and the communities we work with on their confidence in the planning system across the nation. Drawing on this evidence-based approach to planning, we will also provide data insights on both community and developer sentiment.

We contend that trust must be built across both the community and the development industry if we have a hope of unlocking this impasse. We provide ideas to encourage shared goals and mutual benefit that will drive a positive future for statutory planning.