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### **What does a 21st century national urban policy look like?**

This paper will argue that systemic governance failure lies at the heart of Australia's struggles to manage urban growth, particularly in Sydney, Melbourne and SEQ. Governance reform to resolve these difficulties requires national leadership. But what form should this leadership take?

The paper will compare alternative roles that the Commonwealth can play in facilitating sustainable, inclusive and prosperous development of Australia's cities. It will propose a preferred option and present a road map for how this role might be executed within Australia's complex fiscal and governance environment.