



# **PRIME MINISTER**

## **TASK FORCE ON URBAN DESIGN**

During a speech in Sydney this morning I announced that I have appointed a Task Force on Urban Design to report to the Deputy Prime Minister and myself on ways in which the day-to-day working, residential and recreational environment of Australians might be enhanced by more thoughtful attention to urban design.

The Task Force has been asked to report by early next year under the terms of the following charter:

"The Task Force should review the quality of urban design in Australia and make recommendations to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister for improvement. It should particularly focus on ways in which the day-to-day working, residential and recreational environment of most Australians might be enhanced by more thoughtful attention to urban design.

Urban (or 'community') design should be understood to apply to all scales and types of urban activities and to be concerned about the physical arrangement and functioning of urban activities, the physical appearance of the built environment and its relationship to the natural environment, the way in which people experience it and the social and economic factors which influence its quality.

The Task Force should examine all influences on the way in which urban growth and change takes place, including informal but conventional practices and formal planning controls. It should consider the impact of current trends in urban development and whether current practices are adequate to create pleasing results.

The Task Force should determine how improved design may enhance the quality of the built environment and provide examples of the way in which this might occur. In making recommendations for improvements, the report may wish to increase examples in Australia or in other countries of more successful urban design than is commonly encountered in Australia.

In making its recommendations the Task Force should bear in mind their feasibility, equity, practicality and cost. It should also take into account current complementary work on urban planning issues, including the Better Cities Program and the National Urban Development Program."

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