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Dear Metropolis member

METROPOLIS COMMISSION 2: MANAGING URBAN GROWTH

I write to invite your city to participate in the work of Commission 2: Managing Urban Growth. The Commission is chaired by Melbourne, and is one of a number of activities that the Metropolis General Assembly recently endorsed.

A key objective of Commission 2 is the impact of rapid urbanisation on the liveability of cities. Urbanisation is set to continue, and by 2030 the global urban population will double from 2.5 billion to five billion. With more than fifty percent of the world's population living in urban centres, urban authorities are faced with the challenges of balancing metropolitan development, whilst meeting the increased demand for services and ensuring the liveability and economic competitiveness of their cities. This phenomenon is not restricted to rich countries. In fact, most of the growth is expected to occur in countries that are least able to cope with the added demand.

Commission 2 aims to support member cities to effectively manage the challenges and maximise the opportunities associated with population growth and changes within major cities. As part of this project the Commission will examine trends and growth forecasts, and identify priority areas for managing urban development and the provision of services.

I enclose for your information a project brief which broadly sets out the Commission's objective, its approach, and a brief description on how the work will be progressed.

It is important that as many cities as possible participate in this study, to maximise the potential benefits that may only become apparent by comparing the range of experiences. Whilst some of the issues are unique to your city, many of the problems will be shared by other regions around the world.

I hope that your city will participate in this commission and look forward to your involvement in what promises to be a very interesting project. To start the process, I would appreciate receiving your expression of interest together with the completed attached Basic Data Questionnaire as soon as is practicably possible.

Yours sincerely

Mary Lewin
Commission Coordinator