

Sustainable Cities Authority (SCA)

The proposed transport taskforce [see #10] has morphed into a proposed Sustainable Cities Authority. The document is available on the website for review and comment.

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Feedback on the SCA Proposal

"Wow, Steve, this is a really exciting idea. Coming from where regional governments have transport authority it's occurred to me as something that's really been missing here! I look forward to talking about this tomorrow and hear about who you are currently partnering with and could partner with."

Tathra Street, GaiaVic 17/1/07

"Looks interesting. When do you need comment by, as I will run content past the transport, Waste/energy, Melbourne 2030 and Environment areas?"

Liz Johnstone, MAV, 17/1/07

"Thanks Steve, for both items...they are terrific...look forward to seeing where it all goes. I'm sure Manningham CC would be interested in hearing more & seeing how we might participate."

Faye Adams, Manningham, 17/1/07

"I had only a quick look but this proposal looks great – a much needed initiative."

Monique Conheady, Flexicar, 17/1/07

"Love your work - I want to see a cleaner, greener world...(but) I think Australia and Victoria are over governed, and the concept of yet another Authority on sustainability is the last thing I would want. We already have a department of Sustainability. Why not push for existing jurisdictions and agencies to deliver."

Confidential Feedback 17/1/07

Response: Thanks for your feedback - you make some excellent observations, and voice some of my concerns. Firstly, the rationale for the model is to encourage substantially increased Federal funding for sustainable transport, cities, buildings and tourism. This obviously crosses a number of portfolios. Also, I think that there is some value in having a uniform agency with offices across the Commonwealth to encourage co-operation. Certainly, the SCA should be a lean organisation and not duplicate the work of any existing agency.

"I liked the submission a lot. It was concise but comprehensive. I found the diagrams particularly helpful, particularly those on 13 problems of over reliance on the motor vehicle, and the consequences of increased and reduced traffic. I think they will be helpful to me in the many conversations I have with people about why we are putting in bike lines, supporting public transport and walking. We are preparing for the future. I am not entirely sure/convinced whether it is necessary to recommend routes since the Meeting our Transport Challenges framework, but accept that you may have a different view. Federal funding for urban transport is a huge campaign imperative for this year. How we all in our various organisations and capacities support it effectively will be a challenge for all of us."

Janet Bolitho, Mayor, Port Phillip, 18/1/07

"It is very well considered and to the point. I was also very impressed by the ferry route map - perfect, nothing more that I would add to it at this stage (except perhaps Docklands - although fast ferries will not be possible up that Yarra)."

Confidential Feedback, 18/1/07

"What a great proposal. I would like to discuss and provide feedback in coming days."

Travis Reid, Casey, 18/1/07

Forums

I have been asked to speak at/for the following:

- Sustainable Living Festival, 16:00, 17/2/07
- Building Regulations Committee. 21/2/07
- ANZSES at 60L in Carlton, 17:30, 7/3/07
- Manningham CC, Doncaster, 18:15, 29/3/06

Sydney Trip

I will be in Sydney from January 19 – February 6 to meet up with Sydney Ferries and a number of NSW based parliamentarians.

Transport Improvements



Grade separation works near Middleborough Road in Eastern Melbourne. It's good for the trains but will it improve peak hour traffic congestion?