

Urban Planning in Newcastle & the Lower Hunter
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Right? Wrong? Better?

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Urban Planning in Newcastle & the Lower Hunter

1. What are we doing right – Conversations
2. What are we doing wrong – Right people? Evidence?
3. What do we need to do better – Cross-sector dialogue.

Procedural fairness

Breadth – Inclusive, democratic processes?

Depth – Expert input where appropriate?
Interrupt-able?



Distributive justice

1. Who – *Neighbours feel costs ...*
2. How – *Spreading costs & benefits*
 - *Polls, elections, citizen juries, marketplace*
3. When – *Today v ... grandchildren?*
4. What – *Historical disadvantage.*





A Committee for ... Greater Newcastle & the Hunter

1. Bring together region's leaders – *'quadruple helix'*

- ✓ Business & industry
- ✓ Government
- ✓ Community
- ✓ University

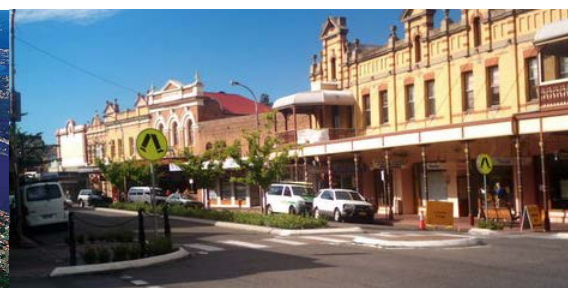
2. 'Unified voice/s' - *'senate'*

- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Engagement & Communication.

3. Need to agree on priorities – *'parity of esteem'*

- ? - Transport
- ? - Housing
- ? - Liveability
- ? - Professional & business services
- ? - Smart cities

NSW DPE *Committee for Greater Newcastle –
Background Paper* Nov 2017



Committee for City/Region: Oz/NZ



Aims

Ambition: Establish the Committee for Melbourne as the pre-eminent organisation engaging with leading organisations dedicated to creating a better Melbourne

We represent no one sector or interest but we share one passion: Sydney and the role it plays as Australia's global city. We seek to bring all parts of the city together so that Sydney can 'collaborate to compete' more effectively.

Initiatives

Infrastructure and capacity

- Actively support the development of Avalon Airport
- Develop a rail strategy for Geelong that is evidence-based and deliverable
- Develop a 50-year port and land freight infrastructure strategy and advocate for the development of Geelong Port
- Actively support the development of social infrastructure and policy that advance the liveability of Geelong

Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million – This report was the result of more than four years of research and consultation with more than 600 Western Australians, from all walks of life. The report put Perth's people, economy, planning, environment, education and decision making under the microscope and provided two scenarios for Perth's future - a worst case and best case for when the population reaches 3.5 million around 2050. We worked collaboratively with our members and leaders in government, the private and not-for-profit sectors to create a vision for Perth's future.

'Committees for ...' - basics

- **In common:**

- ✓ Unified, non-partisan voice
- ✓ Advocacy based on evidence
- ✓ Thought leadership/think tank
- ✓ Expertise
- ✓ Capability-building programs
- ✓ Opportunities for collaboration

- **Different:**

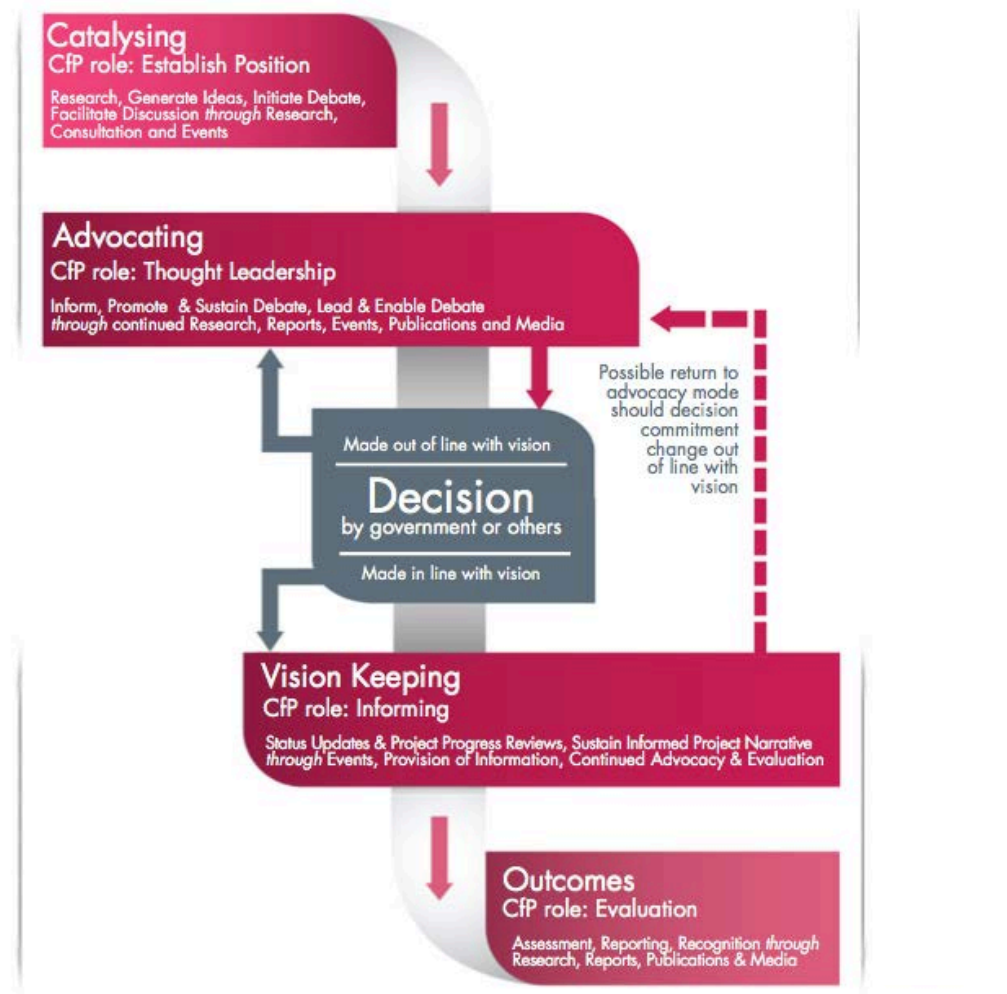
- Vision
- Brand
- Governance & operating structure
- Financial mandate
- Areas of focus & action

Overseas models:

The Allegheny Conference
Dundee Partnership
Brainport Eindhoven Region
Global Cleveland
Virginia Economic –
Development Partnership

Timeframes ...

Concept phase
Awaiting Commitment
0-5 years



0 years - 5 years
Concept

Decision

5 - 20 years
Implementation



Implementation phase
Commitment Received
5-20 years

Committee CEO advice

Aims

- Better '**civic dialogue**' - business & govt & community
- Safe environment to come together – **voice/not status**

Status

- A **leader**, above business chambers.
- Other groups **hated** the idea - 'Not for the faint hearted'

Start up

- State funding/pro bono/secondments to start
- **Professionalise** – not a club
- **Right people** for key roles

Evidence for arguments

- Uni/relevant members provide **evidence base** nobody else has
- **Attention** from media -> ministers -> local, state, Cwth **governments**

Conclusion

1. Right → Conversations
2. Wrong → Right people? Evidence?
3. Better → Cross-sector dialogue

Fair *AND* Effective???

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- Kate Robinson
- Kim Britton

