

# Media Release

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: 20 January 2012**

## **UDIA Welcomes Announcement of Urban Policy Forum**

The Federal Government's announcement of the Urban Policy Forum has been welcomed by the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA), the peak body representing the Australian property development industry.

UDIA will be represented on the Forum by the Chief Executive Officer of UDIA (National), Richard Lindsay.

The Forum comprises representatives from industry, academia and all levels of Government which will advise the Federal Government on the implementation of the National Urban Policy.

The establishment of the Forum follows on from the release of the Government's National Urban Policy in May 2011. The renewed Federal focus on cities comes as Australia continues to experience high levels of population growth in its urban centres.

"UDIA has been a strong advocate of the Commonwealth taking a leadership role in the establishment and implementation of a long-term national urban strategy and this Forum is a step in the right direction" said Mr Lindsay.

"The importance of cities to Australia's prosperity cannot be overstated and UDIA looks forward to working alongside the Government as well as the other stakeholders"

**For further information or comment, please contact:  
UDIA National CEO, Richard Lindsay – 0422 022 746**