



## NEWS RELEASE

Sharon Bird MP  
Federal Member for Cunningham

### **Major Cities Unit established**

The Commonwealth Government has established a Major Cities Unit to coordinate its response to the needs of Australia's major centres, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

The Major Cities Unit in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government would become the single contact point for local, state governments and the private sector when pursuing the planning and infrastructure needs of cities, she said.

“Cities now must deal with a variety of government departments.

“The Major Cities Unit will coordinate and integrate the planning and infrastructure needs of major cities”, Ms Bird said.

She said that the Major Cities Unit would also work closely with the newly established Infrastructure Australia.

Ms Bird said that Wollongong was the third largest city in NSW and ninth largest city in Australia.

“The Major Cities Unit is an important initiative to ensure cities such as Wollongong get a fair share of Commonwealth infrastructure and other funding”, she said.

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