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Make All Parts of Our Cities Liveable, says NGAA

“Let’s make all parts of our cities liveable,” says Mayor Glenn Docherty National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) Chair following the announcement of this year’s Worlds’ Most Liveable Cities. With Melbourne winning top spot once again and Adelaide, Sydney and Perth all in the top ten, we need to bear in mind that not all areas of our cities are equally liveable.”

“The population in these growth areas is growing at double the national rate, and residents face long commutes and lack of infrastructure. We need more investment in the outer suburbs to realise their potential. When they have the same opportunities as other residents, then we can pat ourselves on the back.” Mayor Docherty continues.

“We still have a way to go before we can claim liveability for all parts of our cities. We call on Federal and State Governments to invest to make our cities fairer.” Mayor Docherty concludes.

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- NGAA covers 25 growth municipalities on the outskirts of capital cities nationally
- Number of residents in NGAA member areas 3.5million ¹
- Proportion of Australia’s growth 2006-2011 27.5%
- Rate of growth compared to Australia Double ²
- Forecast population in NGAA member areas by 2021 4.4 million ³

¹ If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, the projected population by 2021 is 5.5m.

² Hugo G & Harris K, University of Adelaide, *Population Dynamics in Outer Suburbs 2006-2011* (2013)

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