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Jobs of the future in outer suburbs Growth That Works Congress starts tomorrow

The Congress is a National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) event and will be opened by Minister for Industry, The Hon Ian Macfarlane tomorrow - Thursday October 16 at 9:00AM, National Wine Centre, Adelaide (Corner Botanic and Hackney Roads. Keynote Speaker, immediately following the Minister at 9:30 is Dr Tim Williams, CEO, Committee for Sydney.

“The biggest challenges are towards the edge of our cities, the fastest growing, but not necessarily the moment of focus of public policy or public investment for infrastructure. The Congress is going to focus on some of the critical thinking required to get national, federal, and state government aligned behind the importance of these fast growing areas of our cities, said Dr Williams.

NGAA Chair, Mayor Glenn Docherty explains “With over 4 million Australian residents living in outer urban growth areas, this Congress is a timely and important event focussed on future-proofing our cities. NGAA’s research tells us that we will need another 1 million jobs in our areas by 2026 just to keep pace with population and labour force growth. The focus of the Congress on the industry and job opportunities for tomorrow is particularly important to us so we become the “go to” areas for innovation and showcases of growth that works.”

The Congress, being hosted by the City of Playford, takes place at the National Wine Centre, Adelaide on Thursday Oct 16 and Friday Oct 17.

To speak with Dr Williams and/or NGAA representatives, please contact Geoff Setty on 0407 673 545

Please find a program attached for further information.

To view Dr Williams on the topic please see [this video](#).

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KEY FACTS

- Number of residents in NGAA areas (June 2013) 3.3 million
- Percentage of metropolitan population represented 22 per cent
- Percentage of Australian population represented 14 per cent
- NGAA areas grew at double the national rate 2006-11 3.2 per cent
- Forecast population in 2021 4.1 million
- NGAA areas absorbed one third, or twice their share, of Australia’s growth between 2006 -11
- Another 1m jobs are needed in NGAA areas by 2026 just to maintain the status quo.