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## **State of Australia's Cities**

Around 40 per cent of Australia's population lives in just two cities—Sydney and Melbourne. Aside from city states like Singapore and Monaco, Australia is the most urbanised nation on earth. More than three in four of Australians live in the 18 cities of 100,000 people or more. Few other countries have as much need to understand how their cities work as Australia.

### **Federal Government's "State of the Australian Cities 2013"**

The fourth in a series of Australian Government reports on the progress of Australia's major cities, *State of Australian Cities 2013* was launched on 30 July 2013. The report brings together current research, including newly released data from the 2011 Census, to present a comprehensive snapshot of Australian cities.

*State of Australian Cities 2013* details changes in urban population and settlement and examines indicators relating to productivity, sustainability and liveability. It concludes with a discussion of governance in Australia's major cities.

In 2013, for the first time, the spatial focus of *State of Australian Cities* was significantly enhanced through the addition of a large number of interactive maps of the major cities. Around 1,000 maps are available in two versions: a medium resolution PDF version and a high resolution interactive version.

The main theme of the report is how the change in Australia's industrial structure (described in some detail in the 2012 report) is affecting its major cities. Given an increasing concentration of high paying jobs in their centres, while at the same time most of the population growth is happening on the edges, the report focuses on what this may mean for productivity and equity

A pdf copy can be found at:

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