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City polices welcomed ahead of election

Melton City Council has welcomed cities-focused policy announcements from both the Liberal and Labor parties ahead of this weekend's Federal Election, and is calling for City of Melton to be prominently featured.

Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population, The Hon Alan Tudge MP this week announced a commitment to enter into City Deal negotiations in Melbourne's north west and south east if the Coalition is re-elected.

City Deals aim to ensure future productivity and liveability in cities, including job creation and urban renewal, by creating partnerships and shared visions between the three levels of government and communities.

Melton Mayor, Cr Bob Turner said a City Deal program would help address the issues and challenges facing the municipality where employment is outstripped by residential growth.

"This is a positive development, but as one of the fastest growing cities in Australia it is critical that the City of Melton is included in this plan," Cr Turner said.

"As we grow from a population of 162,000 to 500,000 by 2051, significant strategic planning is required for sustainable growth.

"A public hospital and the Western Highway upgrade are two transformational infrastructure projects that are the right fit for this program's unified approach, and would importantly increase liveability and boost jobs and economic viability in our community."

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Tourism, The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP also announced the Australian Labor Party's Cities Plan, which has a focus on fast growing outer suburbs.

The plan includes re-establishing the Major Cities unit within Infrastructure Australia and establishing a panel to inform decision-making and refresh the National Urban Policy, including the development of the City Partnerships model.

"Council calls on whichever party forms Government to deliver significant investment in fast growing areas, including the City of Melton, to ensure liveability now and in the future."

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