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Australian Government sponsors first *Future Street*

The Australian Government today announced it is a major sponsor of *The Future Street*, an installation set to provide a glimpse into cities of the future.

The installation will be part of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) International Festival of Landscape Architecture—a four-day celebration starting 12 October 2017 on re-imagining streetscapes, parks, playgrounds, transport solutions, tourism strategies, new suburbs and even cities.

AILA is collaborating with the Internet of Things Alliance Australia (IOTAA) and the Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand (SCCANZ) to build the street of the future in Sydney's CBD.

The Future Street will gather and report on real time data, highlighting the capabilities of technology.

Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation Angus Taylor said he was pleased to support such an exciting event, the first of its kind in Australia.

"The Future Street will showcase innovative ideas around landscape, infrastructure and technology to make our cities, suburbs and towns more liveable, productive and sustainable," Assistant Minister Taylor said.

"The Government is also working to unlock public and private sector co-investment in smart technology projects across Australia through the \$50 million Smart Cities and Suburbs Program."

AILA CEO Tim Arnold said having the support of the Australian Government was confirmation of the importance of transforming the role of important public spaces in our cities and towns.

"The digital transformation of the built environment is a key objective outlined in the Government's Smart Cities Plan," Mr Arnold said.

"I am also excited to announce Place Design Group will be our design partner of the installation, providing support in the layout, detailed design, and build-out of the project, with the support of

our key partners including WE-EF Lighting, Lawn Solutions, Andreasens Green, Street Furniture Australia and Playrope.”

SCCANZ Executive Director, Adam Beck, said *The Future Street* was set to become a showcase for smart cities strategies and the internet of things, and that partners for the installation would also include Buddy, Ene Hub, Utilix, Itron, BYKKO and Telstra.

The Future Street, taking place in Alfred Street in front of Customs House, Circular Quay, will open for public viewing during the Festival of Landscape Architecture, 12-15 October 2017, and showcase a range of landscape, Internet of Things, utilities, transportation, urban design and place making features.

The installation will be supported by a program of topical discussions and case studies.

Those interested in being part of the installation are encouraged to contact Shelley Kemp on shelley.kemp@aila.org.au – 0414 011 438.

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