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Dutch-Australian Smart City Summit to forge long-term relationships

The Australian Smart Communities Association (ASCA) has partnered with the Dutch Government to co-host the Dutch-Australian Smart City Summit to be held in Sydney on 3 November.

Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands will visit the summit and attend a ceremony where several Australian cities will join the Dutch led [GSC3 smart city alliance](#).

Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs Henk Kamp will speak at the event about Dutch Smart City policy. The Minister leads an accompanying trade mission from 31 October to 4 November, which includes a smart city delegation visiting Adelaide, Canberra, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Sydney, Ipswich and Sunshine Coast.

ASCA Executive Director Paul Budde said the Dutch Government was interested in establishing long term relationships between Dutch and Australian smart cities, businesses and research organisations.

“The aim of the summit is to learn from each other, share experiences and work together on strategies and projects where possible.”

“This event will give the 110 Australian delegates an update on the smart city developments in the Netherlands. The City of Amsterdam is consistently in the global top 10 of smart cities, but also Eindhoven, The Hague and Rotterdam are well advanced in their smart city programs,” Mr Budde said.

During the summit Australia’s Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister Senator James McGrath and Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs Henk Kamp will present the smart city policies of their respective governments.

Lucy Turnbull, chair of the Greater Sydney Committee, will also present and chair a panel discussion between representatives from Australian and Dutch cities.

“International collaboration and business opportunities will also be discussed followed by a networking luncheon and matchmaking event, Mr Budde said.

The Smart City Summit is part of the celebration of the landing of Dirk Hartog on the West Australian Coast 400 years ago. For this occasion, the Dutch King and Queen are making an official [State Visit](#) to Australia from 31 October to 4 November.

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Australian Smart Communities Association

The Australian Smart Communities Association (ASCA) facilitates, promotes and advises on how communities can build liveable, sustainable, workable smart cities. We put our citizens, local businesses and stakeholders at the core of our activities.

Our members are made up of local governments, Regional Development Australia committees, Regional Organisations of Councils, industry, businesses and individuals who **collectively represent 8.1 million Australians - or 1 in 3 Australians**.

The adoption of smart technology in city/town management, energy, water, health and transport, along with high-speed broadband, could add more than 70,000 jobs to the Australian economy and bring 1.5 percent growth to Australia's Gross Domestic Product within five years.

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