

# Australian Cities in 2020 – My vision

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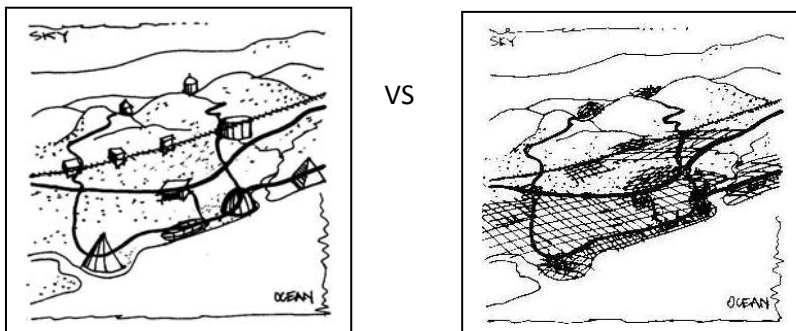
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In 2020 when we will be truly in a global urban age, Australian towns and cities are seen as significant change agents shifting our ways of life and production systems towards local and global eco-efficiency and eco-wellbeing. A new generation of holistic Place-making will be a way of focusing community vision, resources, efforts and stakeholder collaboration in the challenging transition ahead.

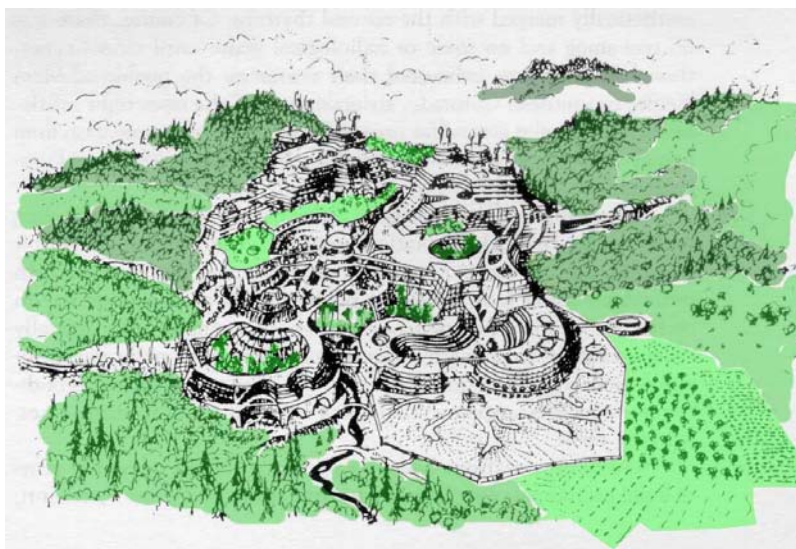
In 2020 our cities are no longer seen solely as the Nation's economic engines, but more holistically are designed as physical (constructed), ecological (natural), social and spiritual (ethical) habitats. They are catalysts for planetary civilisation – driving their own transformation from being the major producers of entropy on the planet to being fecund habitats for life. A driving social value within this urban vision is that people cooperate creatively to meet the local challenge of transforming their habitat and culture towards sustainability, liveability and viability.

What might this look like? Strong regional governance and planning policy working in partnership with the corporate (e.g. urban development industry) and community sectors; results in urban consolidation and renewal to house the anticipated population growth. The use of urban growth boundaries allows the Country's bio-diversity and rural lands to be protected and many degraded areas are rehabilitated back to a natural state and sustained as viable carbon sinks.

Urban form is transformed from sprawl to "arcology" which means the creation of green, energy efficient, architectural ecology or eco-village - where healthy communities live in compact, walkable mixed use habitats. Equitable access to facilities and centres is delivered by efficient and viable public transport linking the arcologies.



Figures: P Daffara, Sunshine Coast Habitat Scenarios, 2001



Richard Register,  
(Eco-city, 1987)