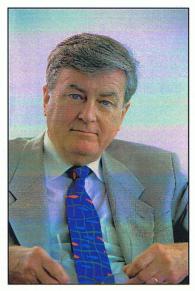
A Sustainable Future for Australia's Cities



Mr. Mats Hellström The Governor of the County of Stockholm

It is a great honour for me to visit Australia in order to share experiences on the topic of urban sustainable development – a topic as relevant and urgent for citizens of Stockholm as for those of Australia's major cities. The world's cities can and indeed should co-operate to find solutions and best practices; ranging from conceptual frameworks to technical details.

This seminar will give you an insight into the Swedish concept "The Sustainable City". The concept is based on a holistic and integrated approach including the many different service systems and functions of a modern city. It was first introduced at the Wold Urban Forum in Johannesburg 2002. Over the last two years the concept has been turned into practice, most recently in the sustainability reviews of Toronto Waterfront.

In Stockholm, a good example of this kind of urban planning can be found in Hammarby Sjöstad, an old harbour and industrial area transformed into a modern and ecologically sustainable urban district with the help of cutting-edge environmental technology that contributes to creating functioning eco-cycles.

There is much to gain from a deepened partnership between our cities and environmental technology industries in both countries. I hope this seminar will provide a stepping-stone for such a partnership.

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