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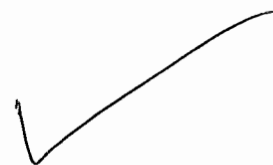
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My dear Mayor



The Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum (2019APCS) will be held in Brisbane from 7-10 July 2019. With the overarching theme of 'Driving Cities through Business and Innovation', I look forward to welcoming more than 1000 delegates from over 100 cities for four days of inspiring conversations and learnings.

The 2019APCS is a unique opportunity for Mayors and delegation members to meet with people from the Asia Pacific region, exchange ideas on best practice and areas for collaboration, as well as business opportunities. I would be delighted to have you attend the Summit with government and business delegations from your jurisdiction. The Summit will also offer an opportunity for your local chambers of commerce and members of your business community to develop their networks in the Asia Pacific region.

I am pleased to announce that world renowned keynote speaker, Mr Marc Randolph, Co-Founder of Netflix, will headline the first day of 2019APCS. Further internationally acclaimed speakers will be announced soon, which will guarantee significant media attention for the Summit.

There are a number of exclusive opportunities for Mayors attending the Summit. The Mayors' Forum is a chance for heads of local government to come together and share their insights, discuss trends and issues facing their cities and develop solutions to promote growth and prosperity in cities. This Forum will be facilitated by Professor Greg Clarke CBE, Chairman of the Business of Cities Ltd, and is open to Mayoral or Deputy Mayoral delegates only. This Forum will be held on Tuesday 9 July at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre and will develop an accord that will be presented and signed on the final day of the Summit.

An exciting addition for next year's APCS is the Major Project Announcement Briefings. These briefings will attract leading suppliers from across the Asia Pacific and enable your organisation to showcase your city's future plans. The briefings will be integrated within the APCS program and will allow local governments to present upcoming major commercial tender opportunities in their cities to the businesses attending the Summit. I warmly welcome your expression of interest in presenting at these briefings, alongside your Chief Procurement Officer.

Innovation Alley is another new addition to the 2019APCS, which is a dedicated exhibition space for entrepreneurs, 'start-ups' and new businesses looking to showcase how innovative technologies can enhance our cities' liveability, mobility and sustainability. This space will enable these businesses to showcase their ventures on a global scale. We would certainly welcome 'start-ups' from your region to participate in this exciting opportunity. For more established organisations, there are regular exhibiting opportunities at the Summit, providing the opportunity to showcase their offerings. I encourage you to consider organisations from your region that would be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

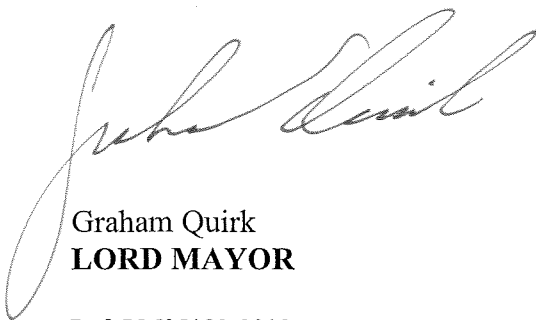
There are a range of opportunities for Mayors and cities to gain international exposure at the 2019APCS, including speaking opportunities. If you, or a representative, is interested in speaking at this international meeting of key decision-makers and influencers, you are invited to submit an abstract addressing one of the 2019APCS sub-themes. I encourage your city to consider a submission to present and provide an innovative case study from your jurisdiction.

Registrations for the 2019APCS are now open and include early rate discounts for Mayors and group bookings. In the event that you are unable to personally attend the Summit, I welcome a deputy or your nominated representative to attend.

I encourage you to directly contact Ms Sara Smart, APCS Project Manager within my International Relations and Multicultural Affairs team, by phone on +61 7 3178 9626 or by email at Sara.Smart@brisbane.qld.gov.au to discuss how to maximise opportunities for your city, local government and businesses at the 2019APCS. You may also like to visit the official website at [www.apcsummit.org](http://www.apcsummit.org) for further information on the range of opportunities on offer.

I look forward to welcoming a delegation from your city to Brisbane for the 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Quirk', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Graham Quirk  
**LORD MAYOR**

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