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Dear Colleague,

City Briefing 17

This City Briefing is the first for some months and we bring you a speaker whose experience in urban affairs is as considerable as anyone's still practising.

Lyndsay Neilson will discuss, from an international perspective

The Management and Governance Measures Needed to Improve Sydney as a World City.

Lyndsay has recently been advising the Arriyadh Development Authority in Saudi Arabia on the strategy for this capital city of five million people. Prior to that, he led the governance component of the Dubai Urban Development Framework project headed by Urbis. He has also been advising Abu Dhabi's Department of Municipal Affairs on the future legislative, regulatory and institutional arrangements necessary to manage urban development in the United Arab Emirates capital.

Until 2007, Lyndsay Neilson held a succession of senior public service positions in Australia, including Under-Secretary of Victoria's Department of Premier and Cabinet, Chief Executive of the National Capital Planning Authority, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Regional Development and Secretary of the Victorian Department of Infrastructure. He has been a consultant and adviser in several countries apart from his recent experience in the Middle East.

Lyndsay is the Managing Director of Neilson and Associates Pty Ltd and is also **Adjunct Professor** of Urban Policy and Planning at the University of Canberra, where he established the Centre for Developing Cities to provide urban management research and training for officials from cities in the developing world.

The talk will be held on **Wednesday 22nd April** at 5.00pm, as usual at the **Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts** at 280 Pitt Street. Lyndsay Neilson is coming from Melbourne to speak, so (following the disappointing attendance at our March seminar) we hope our regular supporters will rally on this occasion.

Bob Solomon
Chairman