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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR AUSTRALIAN INNOVATION PRECINCTS

Australian Innovation Precincts Newsletter – December 2018

Welcome to the first edition of the Australian Innovation Precincts Newsletter. Following release of the [Statement of Principles for Australian Innovation Precincts](#), this regular newsletter will share:

- tools and resources on best practice approaches to innovation precinct development
- policy and program initiatives that contribute to innovation precinct development
- events and news

Please contact us at InnovationPrecinctChampions@industry.gov.au if there is content that you wish to promote and share with subscribers in the next edition of this newsletter.

University-Industry Engagement Conference, 11-13 February 2019

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is proud to be sponsoring this conference organised by the University-Industry Innovation Network and University of Technology Sydney. Speakers include Australia's Chief Scientist Dr Alan Finkel AO and Dr Charlie Day, CEO, Office of Innovation and Science Australia. To find out more and register, visit the [conference website](#).

Stocktake of Australian Innovation Precincts and Innovation Map

Thank you to those of you who provided input into the Stocktake of Australian Innovation Precincts and accompanying stocktake of Australian Government programs and State and Territory Government programs. The Champions are finalising documents for publication [here](#) and data for incorporation into the [Data61+ Innovation Map](#).

The Champions have also coordinated data on National Research Infrastructure, which is now included on the [Data61+ Innovation Map](#) to help businesses engage with this equipment.

Around the states and territories

Prime Minister Scott Morrison recently announced the [Darwin City Deal](#), which includes a commitment to establish an Education and Civic Precinct, centred on a new Charles Darwin University city campus. This will complement existing initiatives such as the [Darwin Innovation Hub](#).

In August 2018, The NSW Innovation and Productivity Council released [The Innovation Economy – Implications and Imperatives for States and Regions](#), which outlines the experiences of states and regions that support a strong innovation economy.

In September 2018, the Victorian Government released [Unlocking Enterprise in a Changing Economy](#), a planning policy dedicated to the promotion of local 'Enterprise Precincts' as hubs for the emerging economy to complement larger National Employment and Innovation Clusters. The policy was accompanied by a new land use zoning tool - the Commercial 3 Zone, as well as two pilot Enterprise Precincts - Melbourne's tech capital [Cremorne](#), and the newly coined 'Brunswick Design District'.

Tools and resources

The Brookings Institution, with the [Project for Public Spaces](#), published [Assessing your innovation district: A how-to guide](#) in February 2018. This is supported by an Audit Spreadsheet tool.

SGS Economics and Planning has published some [practical advice](#) for universities on innovation precincts, and developed a [dashboard](#) to help institutions identify their research strengths.

Kind Regards,

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