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Indigenous knowledge to make cities better

Indigenous perspectives and knowledge will be at the heart of planning and shaping Australia's cities, under a new strategy launched today by federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt.

The Indigenous Engagement and Participation strategy is the brainchild of the CAUL Hub - a consortium of researchers from four universities intent on making cities better, smarter and greener.

The strategy is aimed at giving Indigenous Australians the chance to help shape and define city research, which includes everything from urban planning, to population health, environmental sustainability and air quality.

Indigenous engagement in urban research will:

- draw on new sources of knowledge, and allow existing knowledge to be understood in a new way
- enhance understanding of Australian cities as unique, Indigenous places
- provide opportunities for Indigenous Australians to guide research

The CAUL Hub - or Clean Air and Urban Landscapes Hub - has produced a video for the launch, which is available [here](#).

"Our task with this strategy is to learn how we can transfer the Indigenous experience of caring for our country to caring for our cities," says CAUL Hub leader Peter Rayner.

CAUL is made up of researchers from: the University of Melbourne, the University of Western Australia and the University of Wollongong. It is one of six research hubs as part of the federal government's National Environmental Science Program.

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