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### Radio (2 items)

#### Interview with Chris Johnson, CEO, Urban Taskforce, about Sy...



**2UE, Sydney** hosted by **Justin Smith**  
Drive - 8 mins 02 secs - ID: W00058097572

14 Jul 2014 4:38 PM



Interview with **Chris Johnson**, CEO, **Urban Taskforce**, about Sydney building heights. Smith notes that in the Daily Telegraph today, the height limit for buildings in the Sydney CBD has not changed for the last 40 years, as nobody wants to take away from the Sydney Tower. Johnson explains that the Local Environmental Plan at the City of Sydney controls the heights, and that the limit sits at the bottom of the gold at the Sydney Tower's top. He indicates that this means they cannot go above about 70 floors, whereas Melbourne has recently approved a 100 storey building and Brisbane has approved a 90 storey one. Johnson suggests that this is holding Sydney back, especially since the other two cities have much greater CBD areas to spread to, so Sydney needs to expand up. He thinks that in some ways, Sydney is the equivalent of New York City. Johnson believes that the City Council's rule about the height and aviation rules are the issue, suggesting that they are thinking narrowly. He indicates that any building above 230 metres must be referred to the Aviation authorities. Johnson believes that the reason for having an international airport is to create an international city, and that if the city does not grow it will become less relevant globally. He indicates that the Brisbane City Council recently took the situation up with the Aviation authorities. Johnson thinks that height is becoming a sign of economic prosperity, talking about high buildings in international locations such as London. He suggests that getting high quality, top order global jobs in Sydney's CBD could have flow on effects for all the other jobs. Johnson indicates that the City of Sydney's drive for global prosperity and international relations is one of its top performance measures, and that in some ways the responsibility is more with the State Government, who need to take a driving role for the Sydney's CBD or NSW's economic powerhouse. He explains that 100 floors, like Melbourne, could be a reasonable restriction for this day and age.

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#### Keywords

Urban Taskforce (1), Chris Johnson (1)

#### Interviewees

Chris Johnson, CEO, Urban Taskforce



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#### A review of heights of buildings in Sydney's CBD has been we...



**2SM, Sydney** hosted by **Newsreader**

14 Jul 2014 12:03 PM



A review of heights of buildings in Sydney's CBD has been welcomed. **Chris Johnson, Urban Taskforce** CEO says it is time for a review.

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#### Interviewees

Chris Johnson, Urban Taskforce CEO

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### Radio (1 item)

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**2UE, Sydney** hosted by **Justin Smith**  
Drive - 5 mins 07 secs - ID: W00057610285

16 Jun 2014 4:38 PM



Interview with **Chris Johnson**, CEO, **Urban Task Force**, about the Sydney City Council's new plan for cyclists. Johnson believes the new plan is a bit over the top, as although bicycle usage is needed, cars are a big part of the large urban city's everyday operation. He notes that [Sydney] is not flat and small like Copenhagen, although Smith thinks Johnson should not let the Lord Mayor hear him say that. Johnson thinks that a number of people will need to stick to cars, so the balance may be swinging too far towards bicycles. He indicates that a lot of people may get public transport to work but need cars for the weekend. Johnson suggests that the parking required for a bicycle in an apartment block is a lockup, which is quite complicated, noting that in the

whether all those people will want to own or use a bicycle. Johnson notes that a DCP or **development** control plan defines the spaces required, with the DCP 2012 showing one carpark space required for every residential accommodation dwelling, and plus one for every ten for a business. He indicates commercial buildings are difficult as cyclists would also need showers and changing rooms. Johnson suggests that this move [by the Sydney City Council] could be seen in two ways, either as a response to community requirements or a way to engineer a change of character. He believes that encouraging people onto public transport for work is good, but that while bicycles are a good idea, they will not save the day to get masses of people into the city.

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#### Keywords

Chris Johnson (1), Urban Task Force (1), development (1)

#### Interviewees

Chris Johnson, CEO, Urban Task Force



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### Radio (2 items)

There has been a drop in building approvals in NSW. The Plan...



**2SM, Sydney** hosted by **Newsreader**

08:30 News - 0 min 39 secs - ID: W00057985856

04 Jul 2014 8:32 AM



There has been a drop in building approvals in NSW. The Planning industry says the consistent drop in approvals is a signal that the NSW Government must give the **development** industry some confidence by reforming the planning system. **Chris Johnson, Urban Taskforce** CEO says things should start to pick up

soon.

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#### Interviewees

Chris Johnson, Urban Taskforce CEO



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There has been a drop in building approvals in NSW, the plan...



**2SM, Sydney** hosted by **Newsreader**  
06:00 News - 0 min 35 secs - ID: W00057983377

04 Jul 2014 6:02 AM



There has been a drop in building approvals in NSW, the planning industry says the consistent drop in approvals is a signal that the NSW government must give the **development** industry some confidence by reforming the planning system. **Chris Johnson**, CEO, **Urban Taskforce**, says things should start to pick up soon.

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**Interviewees**

Chris Johnson, CEO, Urban Taskforce

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