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MEDIA ALERT

Professors call for *Resilient Cities* and *Green Urbanism Down Under*

On Monday Professor Peter Newman and visiting US Professor Timothy Beatley kick off their national book tour at a Parsons Brinckerhoff breakfast event in Darwin.

Launching his book *Resilient Cities: Responding to Peak Oil and Climate Change*, Professor Newman is adamant about the need for Australian cities to become 'resilient.'

"We cannot sustain our current patterns of 'carbon-consuming urbanism' and keep our Aussie lifestyle.

"This book talks about using the economic crash as an opportunity to adapt to the climate change and peak oil challenges.

"This is not 'pie-in-the-sky' idealism but using the green economy as a practical set of new jobs and infrastructure.

"With intelligent planning and visionary leadership, we can make our cities resilient, says Professor Newman.

Professor Tim Beatley explains his book *Green Urbanism Down Under: Learning from Sustainable Communities in Australia* is a collection of initiatives for 'greening' city life.

"I have found some great initiatives in Australian cities which could be used to improve urban areas around the world, especially in the US" says Professor Beatley.

The Professors are available for interview during their national book tour.

TOUR DATES

30 March 2009	Darwin, Northern Territory
31 March 2009	<i>Sydney, New South Wales</i>
1 April 2009	<i>Brisbane, Queensland</i>
2 April 2009	<i>Melbourne, Victoria</i>
3 April 2009	<i>Adelaide, South Australia</i>
6 April 2009	<i>Perth, Western Australia</i>

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Professor Peter Newman

Peter Newman is Professor of Sustainability at Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia and Director of the Curtin University Sustainability Policy (CUSP) Institute. He is the author of *Sustainability and Cities: Overcoming Automobile Dependence* (1999), *Cities as Sustainable Ecosystems* (2008) and the new book *Resilient Cities: Responding to Peak Oil and Climate Change* (2008). Professor Newman is internationally recognised as one of the world's leaders in sustainability. He is a member of the Board of Infrastructure Australia, which is delivering infrastructure through the Building Australia Fund to Australian cities and regions using a new sustainability based approach.

Professor Timothy Beatley

Timothy Beatley is Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities at the University of Virginia. His books include *Green Urbanism* (2000) and *Ecology of Place* (1997). Professor Beatley has written 13 books on the subjects of cities, planning and policy and is considered one of America's finest thinkers within the arena of sustainability. His new book *Green Urbanism Down Under* was written after an extensive tour of Australian cities and provides perspectives on how Australian innovations in sustainability at a local and regional level can be applied in American cities and regions.