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APPOINTMENT OF KEY ROLES FOR SMART CITIES COUNCIL

Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand is pleased to announce the appointment of Jannat Maqbool as its New Zealand Director and Zanthea Chulio as Cities Engagement Associate.

“Our role as the region’s peak body in smart cities, communities and regions has now grown to a point where scaling is necessary, so we can continue to offer the best possible support to government and industry” said Adam Beck, Executive Director of Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand.

“Having Jannat as a dedicated resource in New Zealand is going to allow us to have greater impact in-country, in particular helping build capacity for government to act and invest.”

“Zanthea’s focus will be to lead our engagement with Cities who are using the Smart Cities Activator platform, which is now being used in over six countries globally,” Beck says.

“The decade ahead presents many challenges, as cities grapple with the climate crisis, swelling population growth and health and wellbeing impacts.”

“The Smart Cities Council firmly believes that technology and data insights can play an enabling and acceleration role in realising the positive outcomes as reinforced in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.”

“The appointment of Jannat and Zanthea will expand the Council’s capacity to advocate for and support these outcomes on behalf of our members and in collaboration with our stakeholder partners.”

About the Smart Cities Council

Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand is part of the Smart Cities Council, the world’s largest network of smart cities companies, practitioners and policy makers, embracing technology, data, and intelligent design to accelerate liveability, workability, and sustainability in our cities and towns.

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