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Melbourne the hub of technology innovation

Melbourne is the envy of Australia's business community. Not only have we held the mantle of 'The World's Most Liveable City' for six years running, we also hold the keys to our nation's prosperity and economic transformation.

I make this bold statement because I am convinced that Melbourne is poised for a bright future.

Technology-enabled innovation is the key to sustainable economic growth. Melbourne's office towers, inner-urban laneways, and suburban home offices have an abundance of talent. No other Australian city has more talented individuals generating as many innovative ideas in the technology sector. We know that we have the brains and entrepreneurial spirit to make the most of the opportunities in our own backyard - and in the global marketplace.

What's less understood is how the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' will change the way we work and live. Many of us in Melbourne's business, academic, creative, and not-for-profit communities are concerned about the people, organisations and industries that will be left behind by the rapid and far-reaching change under way.

Committee for Melbourne is in an ideal position to take on this challenge. Since it was formed by a group of passionate business leaders more than 30 years ago, the Committee has contributed to making Melbourne the international success story it is today: one of the world's top cities to live, work and do business. An apolitical think-tank with a diverse membership base, the Committee draws together people from business, academia and public life to influence debate on the critical issues shaping our future.

Whether it's creating a regional hub by growing our international flight capacity or fostering innovation in health and medical technology through the BioMelbourne Network, the Committee has a reputation for advocating ideas and policy to help Melbourne prosper.

On 9 September, the Committee will launch an initiative to give Melbourne the foundation it needs in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The Committee's **MELBOURNE 4.0** taskforce will bring together business, government, the knowledge industry and creative sectors to help Greater Melbourne thrive, and continue to be recognised as a city of international significance.

Melbourne will only rise to the challenge of disruptive technologies if we play to our strengths by cultivating entrepreneurs and creative thinkers. Our members will form a community by connecting their start-up and innovation hubs into **MELBOURNE 4.0**. With contributions from our city's leaders in business, government and industry, the taskforce will deliver the policy settings for us all to thrive in this brave new social and digital world.

We're entering a new era of opportunity. Let's make sure no Melburnian is left behind as the Fourth Industrial Revolution takes hold in every system, industry and country. Let's cultivate the communities, sectors, talent and organisations that give us a natural advantage and make ours the most liveable city in the world.

Scott Tanner was appointed Chair of Committee for Melbourne in 2014. Scott is Chief Executive of Victoria's local banking success story, Bank of Melbourne. He re-launched the full-service bank to the Victorian market in 2011, and today it has 107 branches employing 1,200 Victorians who serve more than 500,000 customers.

Before joining Bank of Melbourne, Scott was a Director at global business consulting firm Bain and Company. After opening Bain's Melbourne office in 2000, he led the firm's Asia Pacific Financial Service Practice. Prior to Bain, Scott held a number of executive roles at National Australia Bank.

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