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Cutting-edge innovations to light the way for a brighter future

Lighting Council Australia (LCA) CEO Malcolm Richards has outlined the phenomenal cuttingedge innovations that will light the way for smart city development across Australia.

Mr Richards used his keynote speech at the Smart Cities conference in Adelaide to provide an overview of the technical, compliance sustainability and controls position of the lighting industry.

"There are some incredibly exciting lighting innovations that will bring many public spaces across the country to life," Mr Richards said.

"LCA wants to encourage Councils and other decision makers to invest in new technologies that will catapult Australia to a leader in smart city development.

"New products have been developed that individually meter each light while tracking them and reporting any failures. Public lighting is also being used to reflect traffic and weather patterns to provide specific output that matches the conditions.

"Councils are coordinating their response to vehicular traffic by integrating live monitoring with smart cities backbone. On the environmental front, new lighting products have been developed that cater to fauna that may be affected by lighting overflow.

"We're also seeing innovation that provides more accurate information around meter usage and we're supportive of new rules under the AEMC to introduce a specific metering tariff for streetlighting.

"Advances in LED products are seeing public lighting become more efficient, with reduced maintenance costs and longer lifetimes over traditional street lighting technology."

The Smart Cities week is being held in Adelaide throughout the week, with Mr Richards delivering the keynote speech for the Tuesday session called 'lighting the way'.

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