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**Title:**  
**Immigration And Sydney's Future 2001-2020**

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**Abstract:**  
This paper investigates scenarios for immigration to, and settlement within metropolitan Sydney over the next 20 years or so. It considers likely future overall growth of the metropolis and the probable trends with internal migration. Past correlations between net internal migration loss and overseas migration may not continue in the manner of the 1980,s and 1990,s. Scenarios in which population retention rates in Sydney increase along with moderately strong overseas immigration wherein over 35% of immigrants to Australia settle in Sydney are considered feasible. The implications of these for the future population of the metropolis, outer suburbanisation and perimetropolitan growth pressures are discussed. The location of immigrants within the city will be influenced by immigration selection policies, the distribution of housing vacancies consequent on ageing of established cohorts, levels of internal outmigration, the existence of some existing communities and changing relativities in house prices and rents. The immigrant impact is likely to be considerable in the middle ring and older outer suburbs.