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| Vocations (or at least job tasks) | World Cities | Megacities | Urban Dynamics |
| Urban and regional planning |  |  |  |
| Designing effective city infrastructure |  | * Need to reduce slum settlements, or support people living in them
* Aids transport
* Aids economic growth
* Deals with some of the issues association with over population
 | * New suburbs – new roads, water pipes, electricity, etc
* Needs to address transportation from the outer suburbs into Sydney, and across the city.
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| Planning the delivery of services | * Maintain high standard of living
* Reduce divisions between social classes (rich and poor)
 | * Very important, but a difficult task due to the rapid population growth in megacities, and the unpredictability of the location of this growth.
* Needed due to poverty experienced in slum settlements
 | * Newly developed suburbs require the provision of social services nearby. This needs to be planned/provided as the suburbs develop.
* Suburbs affected by Urban decay may require additional social services
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| Monitoring environmental quality and sustainability | * Provide information to be acted upon – hopefully will lead to improvements in air quality, water quality, etc
* Informs decision-making
* Provides information about resource use
* Provides information to improve environmental quality
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| Preserving heritage sites | * Maintenance of historical monuments, buildings, etc
* Tourist locations (e.g. cathedrals)
 | * Tourism
 | * Important in maintaining the unique character of heritage suburbs (possibly urban villages) and buildings (e.g. restoration of Sydney Town Hall
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