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the role of government

- visionary
- initiator
- master planner
- land assembler
- developer / creator of sites
- developer of buildings
- controller of the short-term detail
- value-adder
- intellectual leader
what is it?

kelvin grove urban village.

“a unique mixed-use urban village displaying best practice in many ways…”

“a joint venture between:
• the state housing authority and
• the most urban of the universities…”
where is it?
where is it?
where is it ?
who owns it?
how is it designed?
a belief in public streets
Ok… but…..
Where is the project now?
how do we measure its success?

Renewal of a brownfield site?
Commercial success?
Campus function?
Quality of architecture?
Mixed use community?
A sustainable community?
Media perception?
A new destination for Brisbane?
a belief in public streets?

mainstreet kelvin grove
what have we learned?

1. Importance of the brownfields
2. Appropriate density
3. Land use mix
4. Housing mix
5. Integration with the world
6. Neighbourhood design
7. Connectivity / walkability / transport
8. Mainstreet
9. Institutional integration
10. Public realm
11. Legibility / inclusiveness
12. Place-making: land uses and staging
13. CPTED
14. TOD and TAD
15. Sustainability: economic / social / environmental
16. Community development
17. Role of government
“No single factor has more influence on the vitality of city centers than the presence of universities and students in the area.”

“All of the famous university cities and city districts in Europe…. are known for their vitality and interesting atmosphere.”

Jan Gehl and Lars Gemzøe, *Public Spaces - Public Life*
Copenhagen 1996