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**Kelly Smit:** Hello, I'm Kelly Smit for the Capital Network and I'm here in Canberra with Andrew Barr, the chief minister of the Australian Capital Territory. Mr Barr, welcome and thank you for your time.

**Andrew Barr:** Thank you, glad to be here.

**Kelly Smit:** Now, we're hearing so much about smart cities, can you explain what they are and also, what does a city do to become smart?

**Andrew Barr:** Well, the smart cities are the ones that are adapting to new technologies. They want to look at new innovative solutions to the cities' new challenges.

**Kelly Smit:** Could you explain what Canberra is doing to really become a smart city?

**Andrew Barr:** We're beginning with a promise of 100 percent renewable energy and also we are looking to have Australia's largest free Wi-Fi network. Wi-Fi is necessary for smart services, for example smart parking. The Wi-Fi will give drivers timely information on where they can find a car park. That way they won't be driving around endlessly looking for a place to park and it will reduce air pollution. Free Wi-Fi will also help to regulate traffic lights, electricity consumption… There are so many applications.

**Kelly Smit:** That is certainly interesting. Are there any challenges in becoming a smart city?

**Andrew Barr:** The big challenge is to make new technologies useful for the community and for the environment. We are lucky to be here in Canberra, the greenest capital of the world, and also a capital with a big appetite for new technologies.