



## The Australian Institute of Landscape Architect (AILA)

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) provides the primary leadership, structure and network to effectively harness and focus the intellectual energy of Australian landscape architects in the creation of more meaningful, enjoyable, equitable and sustainable environments.

Increasing urbanisation and growing pressures on natural systems, reflect a complex set of social, physical, economic, aesthetic and cultural forces. Achieving effective and sustainable outcomes in the built and natural environment requires an integrated response. The public domain, in which the majority of landscape architects operate, plays an increasingly important role as the venue for social interaction, celebration and human endeavour. Consequently it is essential that the public domain incorporate places that are meaningful, enjoyable, and equitable for the people who use them.

Landscape architects have a leading role to play in defining and implementing such integrated solutions. To fulfill their leadership role, landscape architects need to be not only creative in planning and design but also effective in influencing policy, priorities, allocation of resources and public perceptions and expectations. AILA provides the organisational structure through which landscape architects in Australia can effectively respond to these challenges.

AILA is a non-profit professional institute formed to serve the mutual interests of its members and the wider profession throughout Australia.

The governance of AILA is vested in the National Council, which retains ultimate legal responsibility for the organisation and provides leadership by setting goals, budgets, policies and performance targets. The organisation of the AILA is based on a federal system with a National Council and eight state/territory groups. AILA Groups are Committees of Council appointed to represent the profession, the Institute and its members within the State. The State Groups provide a forum and focus for the activities of members, carry out the work of the Institute at State and local level and promote the aims and objects of the Institute.

National Office located in Canberra is responsible for coordinating the delivery of membership services, implementation of National Council decisions and collaboration with the State Groups that serve AILA members at a local level.

Services include advocacy, education, continuing professional development, communications, environment and community liaison. Key programs are the AILA national and state web sites, Landmark (the national broadsheet) and state newsletters, national conferences, national and state awards and regular communication.

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