

sustainable settlement green infrastructure



Australian Institute
of Landscape Architects

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about the AILA

Vision Statement

(The Vision Statement is the long term aim of what the AILA wishes to be achieved for present and future generations)

Resilient, engaging and healthy urban, regional and rural environments, designed in balance with natural and cultural systems.

Mission Statement

(The AILA's Mission Statement is what we aim to contribute in order to achieve the Vision)

To advance the profession of Landscape Architecture in the service of the public interest and to provide leadership in the creation and stewardship of sustainable cities and settlements.

About The AILA

The AILA is the peak national organisation representing and harnessing the collective interests of the Australian Landscape Architecture professions and oversees the professional recognition of Registered Landscape Architects.

The AILA is guided by the Australian Landscape Principles in its policy and strategic directions, advocacy and programs.

The AILA is the vehicle by which the Landscape Architecture profession is able to raise awareness, initiate and lead engagement with the wider community on issues of strategic importance to the natural and built environment.

The AILA provides leadership in the education, professional development and ethical behaviour of members and to influence decision making in response to the evolving knowledge, understanding and requirements of people, natural and built environments.

The Institute actively anticipates and develops a leading position on issues of concern relating to the design, planning, management and stewardship of the natural and built environment. It seeks to be comprehensively acknowledged in this role by allied professions, by political and community leaders and by the wider public.

The AILA places a priority on stewardship as the means of actively taking responsibility for and management of the landscape through master planning, design, recycling, conservation, regeneration, and restoration. Landscape includes those landscapes that are - urban and regional; rural and natural; modified and unmodified.

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 and Design

In a Landscape Architecture context, design denotes the creative process of blending of the applied arts, science and other creative and aesthetic endeavours. Landscape architects, as designers, may originate and develop plans for sites or for the management of landscapes, or may design, develop and manage policy for urban and rural landscapes or land developments.

The design process requires landscape architects to be involved in and originate a complex range of tasks including consultations, research, collaboration, modelling, interactive adjustment, and re-design.

AILA and the Australian Landscape Principles

Human activity threatens the fundamental capacity of landscape to sustain life on earth. The Australian Landscape Principles have been developed as a strategic response to this issue, based on respect for the inherent and measurable values of landscape when developing planning, design and management strategies for climate change adaptation in our natural and built environments.

The Australian Landscape Principles articulate an ethical decision-making framework for landscape planning, design and management within the built environment. Their purpose is to strategically direct landscape interventions—both in our existing and future built environments—towards more sustainable, holistic outcomes.

1. VALUE OUR LANDSCAPE
2. PROTECT > ENHANCE > REGENERATE
3. DESIGN WITH RESPECT
4. DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE
5. EMBRACE RESPONSIVE DESIGN

For more information on the Australian Landscape Principles: www.aila.org.au/landscapeprinciples

Seeking integrated design solutions for national Sustainable Settlement

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects strongly urge the Australia's Federal and State Governments to provide an integrated vision for a sustainable future and to implement a national **Sustainable Settlement** policy that will guide a consistency of approach in all settlement development across the nation.

The Governance of the AILA

The governance of AILA is vested in the AILA 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 State/Territory 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.

The AILA 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.

More details on AILA National Policy Statements: www.aila.org.au/policies

All queries on National Policy should be directed to the AILA's CEO.

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