



## Sustainability and the Institute

INFORMATION SHEET FOR MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT – October 2009

This resource sheet is provided by the Institute for use by the media and government. It outlines our position on sustainability and the steps we are taking to secure a more sustainable future. ([For more information click here](#))

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### Our Position

#### Policy

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##### **Sustainability Policy**

The architectural profession, as a key player in the development of the built environment must continue to show leadership. The Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) advocates a range of actions for government, its members, the design and construction industry and the broader community that it believes will drive the necessary changes.

##### **Environment Policy**

This policy incorporates several useful appendices which list design strategies for architects, and link these to specific objectives, and further reading in the Environment Design Guide.

##### **Sustainable Design Strategies for Architects**

This note is a back-up document to the Institute Environment Policy. It is also intended for use as a checklist and prompter of ESD issues that should be considered during the creation and use of buildings.

#### Submissions to Government

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##### **Institute Submissions**

The Institute frequently makes submissions to both the Australian Government and the state and territory governments. These frequently cover issues that are important to sustainability in the built environment.

### Leadership

#### Professional Associations

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##### **The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA)**

The Institute is a member of the GBCA; a national, not-for-profit organisation that is committed to developing a sustainable property industry for Australia by encouraging the adoption of green building practices.

##### **Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC)**

The Institute is a member of ASBEC; the peak body of key organisations committed to a sustainable built environment in Australia.

### **Built Environment Meets Parliament (BEMP)**

BEMP is an annual conversation between parliamentarians and industry leaders that showcases the relationship between Australian communities and their built environment, and speaks of the importance of sustainability,

## **Professional Development**

### Description

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#### **Institute Refuel Seminars & Continuum Online Professional Development**

'Refuel' is a selection of high quality seminars developed by the national office and delivered across Australia in each capital city. In addition, Knowledge Services has developed the online training resource 'Continuum' to improve the accessibility of education for Architects.

#### **Environment Design Guide**

Expanding for more than 14 years, the Built Environment Design Guide brings together the work of Australia's most renowned experts on sustainable built environments in one accessible resource.

## **Rewarding Excellence**

### Institute Sustainability Award

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#### **Awards Gallery**

The Australian Institute of Architects online architecture is the largest online databases of architecture in Australia. The site is based around the prestigious Australian Institute of Architects National Architecture Awards, which have been running since 1981.

Note: Presently, there is no search function for the Sustainability Award