



Australian Institute of Architects

The Hon Rob Stokes MP
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Dear Minister,

RE: Endorsement of the GANSW Government Architect's Strategy & Design Prequalification Scheme

The NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) would like to formally communicate our endorsement of the Government Architect's Strategy & Design Prequalification Scheme.

The Institute strongly supports the scheme and we are continuing to promote both participation by our members and use of the scheme by project proponents.

Procurement processes can be needlessly burdensome on prospective service providers. On the other hand, it is imperative that proponents be able to qualify contestants for work appropriately. As such, this scheme provides a mutually beneficial and effective procurement mechanism. Its value will continue to grow as more agencies utilise it.

We urge you to encourage its uptake across government and we would be delighted to support initiatives to this end.

We also commend the scheme's commitment to promoting emerging and geographically local architecture practices. This supports both the ongoing development of new talent in the discipline and local economies. In turn this means stronger outcomes for our built environment and communities.

If you have any questions regarding this endorsement or would like to discuss the matter, please don't hesitate to contact the Institute on 9246 4055.

Yours faithfully,

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