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Please attribute quotes to Laura Cockburn, NSW Chapter President, Australian Institute of Architects

"The Design and Place SEPP/9 principles provided a framework for smart forward-focussed decision making to deliver urban planning. This included principles to manage risks and build resilience in the face of hazards.

It is hard to comprehend why now, of all times, those principles were cancelled.

We hope the important thinking on critical issues such as sustainability and site strategy behind many of the objectives of the Design and Place SEPP has not been lost forever.

The Institute is keen to work with Minister Roberts to ensure the necessary pursuit of housing supply does not come at the expense of good planning. We are eager to understand how, in the absence of the Design and Place SEPP, Minister Roberts proposes to counter the growing extreme-heat issues for new homes and apartments in Western Sydney.

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