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## **Gary Bonato LFRAIA**

Gary Bonato has been awarded Life Fellowship of the Australian Institute of Architects in recognition of an extraordinary and enduring contribution to the profession over a distinguished career spanning more than three decades.

A founding Director and now Managing Director of Tectvs, Gary has led award-winning architecture projects across the commercial, educational, and residential sectors, with a particular focus on multi-residential and specialist housing. His practical work is grounded in a deep social conscience, reflected in his leadership role on the Board of the South Australian Housing Authority, where he has influenced the delivery of social and affordable housing across the State, including as Chair of the SA Housing Trust Property Development Working Group.

Gary's most significant and transformative contribution has been through his long-standing service to the regulation and education of architects in South Australia. Elected to the Architectural Practice Board of South Australia (APBSA) in 2008 and serving until 2020 - including five years as Presiding Member - Gary oversaw the design and implementation of a new governance and operational framework for the Board. This led to structural and legislative reforms that continue to shape the profession's regulation under the Architectural Practice Act.

Gary has also made vital contributions to the education and registration of architects through roles with the AACA, the AIA's Education Committee, and as an APE examiner and accreditation panel member. His involvement in national standards and accreditation reform has influenced architectural education across Australia and New Zealand.

Gary's legacy is one of unwavering dedication to elevating architectural practice, education, and public understanding of the profession's value.