



Media statement

The Australian Institute of Architects will continue to advocate for design-centred planning to benefit the entire community rather than a select few.

Noting recent comments from former Prime Minister Paul Keating, the Institute stands by its ongoing advocacy for open spaces that enable public interaction.

The Australian Institute of Architects National President Shannon Battisson said architects brought expertise in design and planning to the built environment across a range of projects.

“We represent our members and the community to ensure planning processes are robust, equitable and transparent,” she said.

“The NSW Chapter, like the broader Institute, represents a diverse group of architects and urban designers who work across a range of projects from large infrastructure, to hospitals, residences, and social housing.”

The Institute does not comment on the specific design elements of projects.

Ms Battisson said the Institute would continue to advocate for the power of architecture to shape cities, craft liveable and equitable public spaces, and generally impact positively on the lives of the people who experience it.

“Like many cities, Sydney must balance the necessity for growth with the need to maintain the layers of history that combine to make the city one of the most beautiful in the world.”

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