



CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE

AN **URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL** FOR **AUSTRALIAN CITIES**

'The NSW Government Architect's Office is pleased to have contributed to the development the Australian urban design protocol and website. The protocol makes a valuable addition to urban design discourse in Australia.'

—Peter Mould, New South Wales Government Architect

Urban design – key to the NSW economy and liveability

A recent Property Council of Australia survey found that Sydney-siders most valued the economic and employment opportunities offered by the city, followed by the attractive look and design of the city.

Encouraging quality urban design

New South Wales has a range of mechanisms to encourage quality design across relevant decision-making processes, spatial scales and in specific locations. The diagram on the next page provides some examples of these mechanisms at different scales.

Design Quality of Residential Flat Development (SEPP 65) established consistent objectives and processes within the planning system and is the only legislation in Australia to mandate the role of architects. It also established design review panels to monitor and advise on multi-unit residential development, and defined principles for design quality which embraced urban and residential amenity, and sustainability. SEPP 65 stands as a model for mandating improved design quality in both the private and public realm.

The *Centres Design Guidelines* and *Good Design Guidelines for Medium Density Living* (both currently in draft form) will aim at improving the design of activity centres and multi-unit dwellings.

Other planning mechanisms exist for specific sites and precincts, for example the Landcom design guidelines, Growth Centres Development Code, and various local government codes and guidelines.



PADDINGTON RESERVOIR GARDENS
2009 AUSTRALIA AWARD FOR URBAN DESIGN

Award winning urban design in NSW

- Renewing Rhodes - City of Canada Bay Council, 2011 Australia Award for Urban Design commendation
- Submission to the Barangaroo Concept Plan (mod 4), City of Sydney, 2011 Australia Award for Urban Design commendation
- Beyond the Pavement - RTA urban design policy, procedures and design principles, 2010 Australia Award for Urban Design winner
- Paddington Reservoir Gardens – City of Sydney, 2009 Australia Award for Urban Design winner
- Sustainable Sydney 2030, 2009 Australia Award for Urban Design commendation
- The Landcom Guidelines, 2008 Australia Award for Urban Design commendation
- Kogarah town centre project, 2003 Australia Award for Urban Design honourable mention

New South Wales

Examples of urban design charters, guides and handbooks in New South Wales

