



**Australian
Institute of
Architects**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
CONSULT AUSTRALIA
And
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
March 2012

In recognition of the ongoing co-operation between Consult Australia and the Australian Institute of Architects (AIA), this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) identifies synergies and a non exhaustive list of shared objectives between the two organisations, and provides a platform for joint co-operation and representation.

Consult Australia is the industry association for professional services firms within the built and natural environment; influencing policy, creating value and promoting excellence. Consult Australia represents member firms' business interests at a commercial, community, industry and government level through collaboration, education, support and advocacy.

The ***Australian Institute of Architects*** is the professional association for Architects consisting of over 10,000 members across Australia and overseas. It exists to:

- *advance the interests of members, their professional standards and contemporary practice, and*
- *expand and advocate the value of architects and architecture to the sustainable growth of our community, economy and culture.*

The two organisations hereby agree:

- All reasonable efforts will be made to align the Policy Positions of Consult Australia and AIA where appropriate on an ongoing basis.
- Cooperative arrangements will be adopted in Policy Development and Policy Positioning on issues – at minimum, prior notice to the other on relevant releases; ideally mutual and complementary positions; and appropriate cross-reference to the other for media purposes.
- To exchange where appropriate, economic data and research.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure access to the appropriate personnel to enable an open and efficient dialogue between AIA and Consult Australia. Both organisations will respect confidentiality in discussions, and to not take advantage of knowledge of the other's position. Where matters are not agreed upon, each organisation will respect the right of the other to maintain its views, without prejudice to cooperation which may continue more broadly.
- Invitations are to be extended (on a reciprocal and reasonable basis) to each other's luncheons/seminars/award events relating to architecture, infrastructure and other common interests.
- To include each other on public information/circular publication/newsletter circulation lists.
- To profile each other's organisation on their respective websites (via hotlink)
- and that this MOU can be terminated by either party with one month's written notice.

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Ms Megan Motto
Chief Executive Officer
Consult Australia

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Mr David Parken
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Institute of Architects