



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

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PROFESSIONAL STATUS

A Member of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects must comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, By-laws and Regulations of the Institute.

A Member shall conduct themselves in such a manner as not to prejudice their professional status or the reputation of the Institute and its Members.

REMUNERATION

A Member is remunerated by professional fees or salary and is debarred from other remuneration in connection with duties undertaken. Neither they nor any member of their staff may accept any discount, gift, or commission from a Contractor, agent or supplier of materials.

A Member shall not accept any commission, gift or consideration from another member for introducing a Client to that Member.

RECORDS

A Member must maintain proper records of agreements entered into and work undertaken.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA), as member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) recognises the following ethical standards towards society, clients, the professional colleagues and the landscape & environment.

The purpose of the code is to advocate and pursue the highest standards and clarify expectations, rather than as a basis for undertaking disciplinary action.

Society and Clients

- Promote the highest standard of professional services, and conduct professional duties with honesty and integrity.
- Support and undertake continuing professional development.
- Observe all laws and regulations related to the professional activities of landscape architects.
- Be fair and impartial in all dealings with clients' contractors, and at any level of arbitration and project evaluation.
- Make full disclosure to the client or employer of any financial or other interest that is relevant to the service or project.
- Undertake public service in local governance and environment to improve public appreciation and understanding of the profession and environmental systems.

Professional Colleagues

- Promote services truthfully, without exaggeration, or misleading or deceptive claims that are discreditable to the profession of landscape architecture, or to the work of other practitioners.
- Ensure local culture and place are recognized by working in conjunction with a local colleague when undertaking work in a foreign country.
- Act in support of other landscape architects, colleagues and partners in their own and other disciplines. Where another landscape architect is known to have undertaken work for which the member is approached by a client, notify the professional colleague before accepting such commission.
- Respect the fee regulations of the profession in countries where such regulations exist.
- Participate only in planning or design competitions that are in accordance with the approved competition principles and guidelines of the AILA.

The Landscape and Environment

- To recognize and protect the cultural and historical context and the ecosystem to which the landscape belongs when generating design, planning and management proposals.
- Develop, use and specify materials, products and processes that exemplify the principles of sustainable management and landscape regeneration.
- Advocate values that support human health, environmental protection and biodiversity.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Any misunderstanding between Members on matters of conduct must be referred to Council for determination.

Cases of unprofessional conduct not covered by specific provisions of this Code shall be referred to Council for determination.

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