



Year of the Built Environment 2004

Dear Colleague

YEAR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT 2004

I would like to welcome your organisation to the Year of the Built Environment 2004 and invite you to join me in preparing for the events and activities ahead in 2004.

The Hon. Dr David Kemp MP, Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Heritage has declared next year to be the Year of the Built Environment 2004. The Year will be celebrated with a program of events and activities to encourage the community to appreciate and achieve built environments which are sustainable, practical and provide us with an improved lifestyle.

The idea of celebrating our built environment has been endorsed by all state and territory governments, peak building and construction industry organisations, professional bodies and a wide range of interest groups and individuals within our community.

The Australian Government has appointed a National Steering Committee, which I Chair, to oversee national events and activities for the Year. The National Steering Committee comprises representatives of the Australian Department of the Environment and Heritage, as well as the Western Australian Department of Housing and Works and The Royal Australian Institute of Architects. In addition, a steering committee has been established in each state and territory. The Western Australian Department of Housing and Works is providing the secretariat services for the National Steering Committee.

The Year of the Built Environment aims to embrace all members of the community - from those in the planning, design and building professions, to community leaders and all those who live, work and play in the built environment. With the whole community engaged in celebrating the Year, your involvement in the events and activities provides an ideal opportunity to promote your organisation's expertise and objectives.

I believe that this is a watershed year which will provide a significant impetus for positive built environment outcomes to flow on to the Australian community for many years to come.

The six fundamental themes which will be the focus for the year's activities, conferences and forums are:

- Towards Sustainable Communities
- Healthy Environments
- Excellence in Building
- Our Built Heritage
- Imagining the Future
- Design for All

I have enclosed a copy of the Year of the Built Environment logo that will be the identifying symbol of the Year. The logo and its 'theme lines' have been developed to enable organisations to promote their particular activities within those themes. Guidelines for the use of the logo have also been developed to assist all organisations that wish to be involved.

I now seek your assistance as we move from the planning to the implementation stage in the development of a truly memorable year of events, activities and outcomes for the Year of the Built Environment 2004.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Parken', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

David Parken FRAIA
Chair
National Steering Committee
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