

# ArchitectureAu Asks

Friday 7 November 2025

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants who attend ArchitectureAu Asks on Friday 7 November 2025 will be able to:

- Evaluate the impact of regulatory controls, stakeholder relationships, project timeframes and economic factors on the design competition as a procurement model.

AACA Competencies (2021 NSCA): Practice Management and Professional Conduct; PC3, PC4, PC12. Project Initiation and Conceptual Design; PC20, PC32.

- Evaluate the learnings from local and international precedents as they relate to design competition processes and outcomes.

AACA Competencies (2021 NSCA): Practice Management and Professional Conduct; PC15, PC16. Project Initiation and Conceptual Design; PC18, PC22, PC25.

- Understand modes of practice that integrate diverse knowledge.

AACA Competencies (2021 NSCA): Practice Management and Professional Conduct; PC3, PC8. Project Initiation and Conceptual Design; PC17, PC26, PC27, PC29.

- Speculate on improvements to the design competition system that would aid in facilitating environmentally, economically and socially responsible processes and projects.

AACA Competencies (2021 NSCA): Practice Management and Professional Conduct; PC5, PC11. Project Initiation and Conceptual Design; PC34.

## FORMAL ASSESSMENT

- Recall an example of a poor competition practice presented by a speaker and summarise what risks were posed to the architectural outcome and/or project team involved.

- Name two of the strengths of the design competition as a procurement model.

- Of the improvements that have been made or proposed to the City of Sydney's Competitive Design Policy, recall one (1) and briefly discuss the benefit of this improvement.

- List three kinds of stakeholder input that contribute to a thorough competition briefing and/or consultation process.

- Give two learnings on how to thoughtfully and respectfully approach First Nations knowledge in a design competition process.

- Recall three possible improvements to the competition system suggested by speakers and provide a brief explanation on what benefit each improvement would have on the project outcome and/or architects' terms of engagement.