

Ren Jian Lee

Role: Project Manager – Construction Metro – Housing Authority

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Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Architectural Science) Curtin, Masters of Architecture Curtin, Advanced Diploma of Management.

Brief Biography: My career as an Architect and a Project Manager has allowed me to be involved in all aspects of the Urban Development field. My current role exposes me to a variety of work including project planning, liaising with clients, through to supervision of the construction. Every day presents new challenges and it is exciting to be involved with an organisation that is proactive in the urban development industry. In my spare time, I enjoy snorkelling and fishing, with the elusive mulloway yet to be caught.



Q: What challenges do you see the property industry facing in the next 5 years?

A: I see the biggest issue facing the property industry in the next 5 years is the provision of aged care/senior residential units. The population age is ever increasing and the industry is yet to respond accordingly, especially in WA. However, there have been exemplar projects overseas that has dealt with this issue, most interestingly the introduction of a multi-generational building typology.

Q: Within the urban development industry what is the most significant project that you have worked on/been part of within your career to date?

A: The most significant projects I have worked on to date is the provision of social housing along the Metro area. As demand for social housing increases, it is greatly rewarding to be involved in projects that cater to this need. The procurement of smart and innovative projects paired with the needs of the tenants seeking social housing, presents an enjoyable challenge and a sense of humanity that is usually absent in Urban Development.

Q: Within the urban development industry what influence does your role have on the future of our state (Building design, new estates, etc.)?

A: The Housing Authority is a State Government Department, therefore I am exposed to many projects that will directly affect the State's urban environment. As well as requiring the due diligence required for a Project Manager, I am highly aware that the projects are tax payer funded. With that in mind, I implement a work ethic that keeps the publics best interest in mind.