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Nordic housing and ageing in place

How long can older people stay put in their homes? The answer rests on two things: home design and easy access to support services. Retaining a sense of connection to community is another important element which is why the quest to stay put is so strong. And of course, staying put also reduces the stress on the welfare budget. But ...

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London's inclusive design standards

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) is similar to the Sydney Olympic Park Authority. They are both focused on maintaining the benefits of hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Sydney claimed the title of "most accessible games ever" and then the title went to London. Inclusive design is now a priority in all developments related to the Olympic precinct, and ...

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Victorian Government Universal Design Policy

The Victorian Government has updated their universal design policy which applies to the whole of government. Previously it sat within the health and building department. The policy is not just an empty statement - it has actions embedded. These actions begin with the procurement process for built environment projects. Universal design is a design philosophy that ensures products, buildings, environments, ...

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The developing definition of universal design

What does universal design mean in the 21st century? Universal design concepts have evolved from barrier-free design for wheelchair users to inclusion for all people. Diversity, equity and inclusion are the key words now. But how many designers have moved with the times and how many think they are access standards? How much do interior designers understand about universal design? ...

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Does design of parliament buildings affect democracy?

Does the design of parliament buildings affect democracy? An interesting question. It's often said that the design of our environment affects our behaviours. So would that apply to houses of parliament as well? In US politics we hear talk of 'reaching across the aisle'. What if there was no aisle and everyone sat in a circle? We know that spatial ...

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It's not about economics. It's about power

For anyone who doubts the influence the housing industry has on government, an article in The Fifth Estate spells it out clearly. The article is in the context of the dumping a new planning policy that would have delivered many benefits to the people of New South Wales. It also indicates why NSW has refused to adopt the access features ...

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Conferences and calls for papers

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