

# **Elizabeth Farrelly**

# Internationally Awarded Architecture Critic

An award-winning writer, columnist, critic, academic, broadcaster, public intellectual and former political candidate. Dr Elizabeth Farrelly is trained in architecture and philosophy.

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Elizabeth trained in architecture and philosophy, practiced in London and Bristol and holds a PhD in urbanism from the University of Sydney, where she is also a former Adjunct Associate Professor.

As an independent Sydney City Councillor (1991-95), Elizabeth initiated Sydney's first heritage and laneway protection policies, and was inaugural chair of the Australia Award for Urban Design (1998). She was also Manager Special Projects at the City of Sydney during the Olympic preparations (1998-2000) and is an award-winning writer and published author.

Elizabeth holds a number of national and international writing awards. As Assistant Editor of *The Architectural Review* (London) Elizabeth edited the August 1986 special issue 'The New Spirit', which won the Paris-based CICA award for architectural criticism. Her other awards including the Pascall Prize, the Walter Burley Griffin Award, the Adrian Ashton Award and the Marion Mahony Griffin Award.

Her books include *Three Houses*, a monograph on 2003 Pritzker prizewinner Glenn Murcutt (1993); *Blubberland; the dangers of happiness* (2007), which was shortlisted for the Walkley Non-Fiction Book award, *Potential Difference* (2011), a collection of essays and *Talking of Michelangelo; a life in rooms*.

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An articulate, interesting and engaging speaker, Elizabeth Farrelly is skilled at making complex issues accessible to diverse audiences both in Australia and overseas.

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<sup>44</sup> Thank you for your kind, intuitive and succinct comments... You mixed in with your profound observation, warmth and humour... Over the years we have had quite a number of speakers... There are the best, and then there are the rest. In your case there was absolute silence and attention paid to your every word. You are now top of the best list.

#### - Australian Galleries

Stimulating, informed, humorous, very articulate, well-researched and lateral thinking, while very much on topic ... Dr Farrelly's presence in Canberra attracted audiences and led to ongoing debates. We will be engaging her again.

#### - Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

Allow me to pass on our warmest congratulations for your masterful MC-ing of the Gleebooks session on the Block recently ... you deftly ensured that everyone had sufficient time to cover the main issues.

## - Aboriginal Studies Press, AIATSIS

Elizabeth, thank you so much for being part of Art After Hours ... it was really great to hear you tie the exhibition themes and images to the modernist architectural tradition. I especially liked your El Lissitzky-man joke. Kudos.

## - Art Gallery of NSW

You gave participants a very comprehensive understanding of complex issue involved in building a sustainable future city.

#### - AIA

Renaissance Woman, that's how I'd describe Elizabeth Farrelly: provocative Fairfax columnist, architecture academic, essayist on everything from climate change to feminism; perpetual thinker, mother of teenagers, and former independent Sydney City councillor. And I must tell you that Elizabeth is among the very few interviewees who's ever admitted to this personality trait: arrogance. In her own words she says 'I can understand why some people do hate the arrogance in me.

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