FREMANTLE DESIGN WEEK

**CPD Questions**
**Lessons Learnt – The Fremantle Alternative Walking Tour**
**Hosted by Dr Brad Pettit / Fremantle Design Week**
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**Question 1**
The Freo Alternative was designed to meet infill development targets while protecting neighbourhood amenity. Having visited three completed projects and heard from residents, what planning and design strategies proved most effective in balancing density with liveability?
*NSCA Performance Criteria: PC3 (project planning, implications for communities and stakeholders), PC30 (siting, cultural, social and economic factors in design)*

**Question 2**
The new Medium Density Codes have been shaped in part by learnings from projects like the Freo Alternative. Reflecting on the built outcomes you observed on the walking tour, what design principles from this initiative would you advocate for retaining or strengthening in the new codes, and what gaps or challenges did the projects reveal?
*NSCA Performance Criteria: PC1 (legislative and regulatory requirements), PC12 (building codes, standards and planning controls), PC24 (evaluating project development options)*

**Question 3**
The Freo Alternative sought to limit urban sprawl while maintaining the qualities residents value in established suburbs. Based on your observations of the three projects, how can architects working on infill housing better engage with existing communities early in the design process to build support and deliver outcomes that genuinely reflect local needs?
*NSCA Performance Criteria: PC7 (communication with clients and relevant stakeholders), PC26 (site, cultural and contextual analysis), PC29 (heritage, cultural and community values)*