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CAPITheticAL
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FACT SHEET

14 March 2013

STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL 6:30PM AEDT 14 MARCH 2013

NOTE: Winners not to be notified in advance

CAPITheticAL Facts

- CAPITheticAL is a Centenary of Canberra project, proudly supported by the ACT Government and the Australian Government and administered by the Australian Institute of Architects and presented as a Gallery of Australian Design exhibition.
- CAPITheticAL is an international design ideas competition that invited student and professional designers to imagine how an Australian national capital might be created in the 21st century.
- The hypothetical competition was launched by CAPITheticAL Competition Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce AM AE on Friday 6 May 2011 - 100 years after the original call for design entries for a capital city for the newly federated Australian nation.
- Over 1200 registrations were received from over 40 countries including Russia, India, Germany and Vietnam.
- At the close of Stage 1 on 31 January 2012, 114 entries had been submitted by entrants from 24 countries consisting of 41 student entries and 73 open category entries.
- 74 entries were received from Australian participants, including seven entries from Canberra.
- From these entries, the jury selected a shortlist of 20 with these entrants invited to develop their submissions for Stage 2 which closed in November 2012.
- The CAPITheticAL jury was made up of Professor Barbara Norman (Chair), Dr Catherin Bull AM, Councillor John McInerney, Callum Morton and Professor Alastair Swayn.
- Stage 1 and Stage 2 were judged anonymously.
- The total prize pool totalled more than \$100,000 with first prize taking home \$70,000.
- All 20 shortlisted submissions will be on display at The Gallery of Australian Design. The free exhibition is open from 6 March until 11 May 2013.

For more information on the competition and full media kit (available after embargo), visit www.capithetical.com.au.



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