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## Deakin turns to London for ideas

DEAKIN University has appointed Professor Kerry London as its Chair in Construction Management in what it believes is an Australian university first.

Professor London comes to Deakin from the University of Newcastle, where she was Associate Professor of the School of Architecture and Built Environment.

Professor London remains a registered architect, however, working as a project manager on capital works infrastructure projects and then as a senior manager in construction industry policy prompted a love of solving the big picture and led her to explore the wider perspective of the role of the construction industry.

Professor London undertook her PhD

studies at the University of Melbourne in construction supply chain procurement modelling and has been instrumental in defining internationally the parameters of a new field of research.

While at Newcastle, Professor London was appointed Node Director for the Collaborative Research Centre for Construction Innovation and successfully led seven major nationally funded research projects and secured about \$1 million in funding for the university.

She has published on various topical issues, including supply chain sustainability, design management, housing affordability, eBusiness, building information modeling and ethics in construction.