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The Hon. Minister Archer MP
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Dear Minister Archer,

Thank you for your continued support of architects and the wider building and construction industry in this difficult time. We'd also like to thank you and pass on the appreciation for the leadership of the Tasmanian Government.

Anecdotally, we have heard from many members who have been significantly affected by the flow-on effects of the coronavirus, with many local architecture firms reporting that they have had projects cancelled or postponed, and some needing to stand down staff. We are in the process of circulating a short survey to our members to accurately gauge the effects the virus has on their practices, and we will update you on the results of this.

Our members appreciate the Federal Government's recently announced JobKeeper Payment, and we hope that this will enable practices to be able to retain staff during this time. We understand that the details of this are still being developed to pass through parliament, and we appreciate that there are several different ways in which businesses can demonstrate their loss of income. This is particularly vital for businesses who have had a high level of growth or expansion over the last six months or so, of which there are many in Tasmania.

Understandably, many businesses are in the process of navigating their way through this process, and if issues arise, we would appreciate being able to pass these on.

We look forward to continuing to work together in these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

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Shamus Mulcahy
Tasmanian President
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Nichols'.

Jennifer Nichols
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