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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute), we would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the third public consultation period in for the Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Major Projects) Bill 2020. We appreciate and commend the rigorous and iterative consultation process throughout the review of this Bill, and the willingness of the Planning Policy Unit to respond to questions and concerns.

The Institute remains supportive of the Bill's stated objectives of providing greater certainty for proponents, while ensuring a rigorous assessment process with existing high levels of protection for the environment, cultural and heritage assets and local amenity.

The Institute offers the following comments:

- The Institute believes that the draft assessment guidelines must be open to public exhibition and comment, as this is currently only proposed for bilateral agreement projects under Section 6OZL, to ensure a robust and transparent process in the formulation of assessment criteria.
- Further to Section 6OJ, the Institute supports a mandatory issue of the determination guidelines by the Commissioner to the Minister for review, prior to the Minister declaring the project a Major Project.
- In relation to Section 6OV regarding the appointment of members of the panel and their qualifications and experience, the Institute has the expectation that the Commission will ensure relevant and recognised urban design and architect specialists are appointed, when appropriate to the project.

As stated in our previous submission, the Institute believes that the development of good design guidelines and the application of good design criteria for the procurement and assessment of Major Projects will ensure the best outcomes for those projects, for sustainable development of our unique environment, appropriate for our people, our places and our communities and for economic growth. These are qualities that underpin investment and confidence in the Tasmanian 'brand'. As a result, design guidelines must form part of the assessment guidelines for relevant Major Project proposals.

The Institute continues to support agile and rigorous planning processes, and we look forward to our continuing involvement in the process for the benefit of all Tasmanians.

Yours sincerely,

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Jennifer Nichols
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Shamus Mulcahy
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