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To whom this concerns,

**RE: DRAFT LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVAL AMENDMENT BILL 2022 –
RELATING TO MAJOR PROJECTS ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

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 Draft Land Use Planning and Approval Amendment Bill 2022, and the proposed amendments to the major projects assessment process. Our Chapter has reviewed the proposed amendments.

The Institute supports these amendments to the draft Bill and acknowledges that they have resulted from an initial project that has tested this new assessment process. We would like to make the following comment regarding part 5, which discusses granting permission for site investigations after a major project is declared.

Part 5 – Granting permission for site investigations after a major project has been declared.

- 5. enable the Commission or assessment panel or a regulator to grant permission for site investigations to occur once a major project is declared and before the assessment criteria is finalised, in circumstances where the site investigation is necessary or must occur early to align with the seasonal survey requirements and the site investigations have been identified in the major project proposal*

In addition to the clause notes outlined, we suggest that a clear scope of site investigation needs to be established and approved, so that only work that is required is

undertaken. The nature of these investigations needs to be as minimally intrusive as possible.

More broadly, we strongly encourage the assessment panel to include a member who not only has expertise in the nature of the particular proposal, but who has expertise and experience in urban and landscape design, to ensure sound design outcomes that benefit the whole community. This will encourage a commitment to high-quality outcomes.

Once again, we thank you for engaging with us regarding this process to ensure best-practice assessment processes that result in high-quality outcomes for the community. We would be happy to be involved in further discussion, should you require. If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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