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Queensland Premier
The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

Dear Premier

Thank you for handling the COVID-19 crisis so well. Queensland's low infection rate is a credit to your leadership and the expertise of your senior officials.

Like all industries, the Queensland architecture industry is suffering from the dire effects of coronavirus.

Consequently, the Australian Institute of Architects (Queensland Chapter) has implemented the **Shovel Ready Campaign** and calls upon the Queensland Government to accelerate the first stages of all building and construction programs.

These first stages include feasibility studies, master planning, concept design, documentation and development approvals.

We urge the Queensland Government to:

- Simplify procurement processes
- Fast track decision-making
- Bring forward project schedules

This needs to occur on all public work projects that require the expertise of Queensland architects, across all government departments.

Failure to fast track the Government's projects will have a disastrous impact on Queensland's building and construction supply chain.

Any interruption of the supply chain will be the death knell for 50% of Queensland's architectural businesses and many allied sub-consultants, trades and industry suppliers.

Furthermore, any delays now will add at least two years to building and construction project timelines, resulting in enormously inflated costs to the Queensland taxpayer.

Now is not the time to put Queensland projects in the pipeline on hold because of unnecessarily slow internal government approval processes.

We are also calling upon all local governments in Queensland, public institutions including universities, and developers to accelerate the first stages of their building and construction programs.

Can you please advise how your Government will take urgent steps to ensure that Queensland Government projects are 'shovel ready'?

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice-Anne McRobbie'.

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