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**Re: Review of Tasmanian Government Contract Documents: AS4000 Documentation Review**

Dear Infrastructure Tasmania and the Office of the Crown Solicitor,

The Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on Infrastructure Tasmania's AS4000 Documentation Review and appreciate the opportunity for the continued feedback.

Unfortunately, the Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects are unable to make a detailed response to this round of consultation. We have been unable to conduct a legal review of the latest version of the contract currently.

Ultimately, contract settings shape project culture. Provisions that prioritise unilateral discretion, limit time relief, or obscure responsibility for documentation quality risk discouraging collaboration and trust. For architects, this environment makes it harder to advocate for design quality, manage change constructively, and deliver buildings that meet broader public value objectives.

While progress has been made in refining the amended AS 4000, further recalibration is may be needed to ensure clarity of design responsibility, balanced risk allocation, and robust administrative safeguards. From an architectural standpoint, these refinements are essential not only for fairness, but to support high-quality, well-coordinated public architecture that delivers enduring value for Tasmania.

While this may not be feasible, the Institute would like to note that as the contract is rolled out and put into practice, issues may arise, and it would be valuable for a review process to be taken after the contract has been in use for a period of 12-months.

The Institute would, however, like to continue to be informed as to how this process proceeds, and the offer of a member being part of any future working groups still stands.

Kind regards,

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