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To
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By email to: roger.jaensch@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Minister Jaensch,

RE: HUNTINGFIELD LAND REZONING

We write on behalf of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) regarding the rezoning of land at Huntingfield under the Housing Land Supply Act 2018.

The Institute is the peak body for the architectural profession, representing over 11,500 members across Australia and overseas. The Institute actively works to improve the quality of our built environment by promoting quality, responsible and sustainable design.

With large-scale developments of land, such as that at Huntingfield, the Institute would always advocate for initial masterplanning of the site by an appropriately qualified consultant team. We also encourage community stakeholder engagement and input early in the process to ensure best quality outcomes for the project, the future occupants and the existing neighbourhood.

To ensure best practice urban design of sites, we would encourage an appropriate EOI process to select an appropriate consultant team. The Institute encourages developments to contain a mix of uses to provide for community needs, along with a mix of housing types, and encourages increased density where there are adequate services and amenity, including access to public transport.

Quality design outcomes are critical for the future of our state to create communities that are vibrant, and places that are sustainable and promote a good quality of life.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Institute's guidelines for EOIs and RFTs for reference. Also attached is another document that may be of interest - 'Creating Places



for People - an Urban Design Protocol for Australian Cities'.

The Institute would like to extend our willingness to help at any stage in this process, and hope to be able to work with you on important projects like this. We would be more than happy to meet with you discuss this further, and other issues of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

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