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The Hon. Anthony Roberts, MP
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Response to:

Public Exhibition – Design and Place SEPP

On behalf of:

Institute of Architects NSW Chapter and the Planning Institute of Australia (NSW)

Dear Minister Roberts,

The Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) and the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) and their members are dedicated to raising the quality of our communities. We seek to improve the enduring health and wellbeing of all Australians. The design of the built environment and the landscape within which it is situated shapes the places where we live, work and meet. Between us, we represent almost 20 000 members nationally, united in ensuring the design of these places best meets the needs of our communities now and into the future.

We welcome the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) release of the Design and Place SEPP for public feedback and each of our organisations is in the process of preparing independent and detailed submissions.

We would like to commend the GANSW and DPIE for elevating ecological sustainability, the protection of the environment and our connection with Country to the forefront of place-based design planning. We all understand these will be critical elements to creating resilient and equitable places into the future.

We recognise this is a large body of work and we applaud its ambitious scope and nature, particularly given public opposition from some parts of the broader industry. **We ask that the government remains steadfast in its resolve to implement these reforms.**

We thank the GANSW and DPIE for showing leadership in this area and for striving to bring focus to place-based design. We believe this work will be vital into the future as we continue to face complex challenges, such as climate change.

The Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) and the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) look forward to continuing to work closely with government for the benefit of all NSW communities.

Yours sincerely



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