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## Australian Institute of Architects

Dear Lord Mayor Quirk,

### Re: **Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba**

The Institute of Architects was very disappointed to learn that the historic Broadway Hotel at Woolloongabba, a place entered in the Queensland Heritage Register, and a significant building in the Brisbane City landscape suffered extensive damage in a fire on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. It is disappointing to see yet another iconic and historic building is likely to meet its demise, in what could be most certainly be regarded as questionable circumstances and in complete disregard for the building's heritage status.

The Broadway Hotel is a significant architectural building and is rightly considered a heritage place. The Institute have been concerned about the increasing deterioration and ongoing lack of maintenance for several years. The damage caused by this recent fire, has placed the future of this building at risk – a risk that will increase each day if urgent stabilisation works are not carried out. We strongly request that Brisbane City Council to take urgent action and to be seen defending the significant heritage buildings that help define the character of Brisbane.

We commend the Minister of Environment and Science for placing a "Stop Order" on the building to pre-empt any move to demolish the Broadway Hotel. We understand that the Minister has written also to Council with a request that Brisbane City Council issue now an **enforcement notice** under Section 248 of the *Building Act 1975* to the owner of the property to enforce their responsibilities regarding the safety and preservation of the site.

We understand that the Department of Environment and Science have commissioned engineering and specialist reports which have advised the extent of work required to stabilise the buildings and that in this instance, the *Building Act 1975* (**which is enforceable only by Council**) is the tool to ensure the works are actually done, to protect and stabilise this significant Brisbane City property.

We strongly urge that Brisbane City Council issue the required enforcement notice without delay. We look forward to council confirming a proactive response to ensure the protection of a significant piece of Brisbane's architectural history.

Yours Sincerely,

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