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## **Re: Bushfire Hazard Areas Director's Determination Amendments – Community Consultation**

To whom this may concern,

The Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the amendments to the *Director's Determination – Bushfire Hazard Areas* and the *Director's Determination – Requirements for Building in Bushfire-Prone Areas (transitional)* (the Determinations).

The Institute understands the need for these amendments and is supportive of moves to ensure greater protection of life and property and facilitate the safer operation of emergency services.

The Institute does note that implications from these changes may only arise when our members undertake work where these Determinations apply, and thus suggests that there could be a period where feedback is collected after the Determinations come into effect in order to gauge their impact. This may then inform further amendments.

The Institute would also like to make comment on *Schedule 1 – Building Work and Demolition Work with Limitations*, despite there being no changes to this in the amendments. The interpretation of the application of this table is somewhat confusing, and while there is reference to both limitations and requirements within '1. Interpretation of table' on page 24, 'Column 2' only refers to limitations, not requirements. To leave no doubt, the Institute questions whether this wording should be altered, or if there should

be additional explanatory notes to accompany the schedule, along with worked examples to assist in the interpretation of this.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the amendments to the Determinations. Please contact us if you would like to discuss any of the points raised further.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jennifer Nichols**

Executive Director, Tasmanian Chapter  
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