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Chief Executive Officer  
City of Gold Coast  
Via Email: [cityplansubmissions@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:cityplansubmissions@goldcoast.qld.gov.au)

Dear Mr Tim Baker,

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture (AILA) is the peak national body for Landscape Architecture. AILA champions quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities and greater environmental stewardship. With our members, we anticipate and develop a leading position on issues of concern in the industry.

As a professional body with members actively engaged in the design and strategic thinking in the built environment, AILA congratulate the City of Gold Coast Council for initiating this review and update process, to deliver improved heritage place policy amendments to the City Plan.

We are also pleased to support the strengthening of the City's internal capabilities in this area with the engagement of an experienced heritage architect (Arnold Wolthers). We understand he will be reviewing the existing list in addition to places nominated for heritage listing in order to strengthen the City's heritage protection register records.

We believe that fostering respect and increasing appropriate protection of identified (and potential) heritage places acts as a positive contribution to realising the outcomes of the themes contained in the City's strategic intent for a World Class City.

In addition, we offer the below response to the City Plan Heritage Amendments based on: local member attendance at the public community consultation sessions; a general review of the documents presented; and subsequent online review.

In Section 9, as accuracy, objectivity and experience is critical in the formation of the reports and works that affect these important areas, we suggest that as professionals experienced in the built environment, landscape architects are included in this list of professions capable to provide these services. We also suggest that the words 'and planner' in the clause be changed to 'and planning' for grammatical accuracy.

*"holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree in an area related to cultural heritage management (e.g. heritage conservation, architecture, **landscape architecture**, archaeology, history, museum studies, **and planning**); and has demonstrable competence in identification and assessment of cultural heritage significance and development of management strategies and recommendations for a Heritage place."*

We would be pleased to continue to provide support and feedback to City initiatives through both our AILA State Committees and local Gold Coast members. Please don't hesitate to contact AILA Queensland Chapter Manager, Melanie West to discuss further on 0417 666 622.

Yours sincerely,

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Australian Institute of Landscape Architects