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The Honourable Stirling Hinchcliffe MP
Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the
Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement
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Dear Minister Hinchcliffe,

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. AILA's national position statements on Urban Green Infrastructure, Climate Positive Design, Child Friendly Cities, Healthy Communities and Active Travel, all examine how landscape architecture plays an important role in developing these strategies. You can view them [here](#).

Landscape architects are leading the way in Climate Positive Design and will play an important role in delivering a Climate Positive Olympics in 2032 and creating a legacy for the region. We welcome the development of a *Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Strategy and Plan*, and the involvement of landscape architects in this plan.

AILA are also very excited about the recent announcement of the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Forum on **22 March 2023** with 500 of Australia's best, brightest and boldest minds. It is essential that both experienced and up and coming landscape architects are given the opportunity to participate in this forum given the importance of the public realm and their expertise.

To deliver a Climate Positive Olympics and legacy, we believe that it is paramount that the Queensland Government considers the following approaches that landscape architects can provide leadership on:

- Transparency and accountability in measuring how the Olympics, the Board and the Committee will meet climate positive targets over the next decade
- Connected green public spaces for the post-Olympic and Paralympic future
- Increasing tree canopy cover by planting more trees – *the trees planted today will be the shade for our visitors to the 2032 Olympics*
- Acknowledging and improving green infrastructure (AILA is a key stakeholder in the current development of the *Green Infrastructure Standard with Standards Australia*)
- No net loss of existing green space (parks) and canopy trees
- Climate positive design for all facilities.

We would like confirmation that AILA will be invited to attend the Summit and would welcome the opportunity for multiple landscape architects to participate, to ensure our expertise and thinking are included in the Brisbane 2032 Legacy plan.

Please don't hesitate to contact AILA Queensland Chapter Manager, Melanie West to discuss further on 0417 666 622. We look forward to engaging with you further at this exciting time for Brisbane and Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tessa Leggo'.

Tessa Leggo
Queensland Chapter President
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects