**Email Template**

**Subject:** Support for Architects – Election Policy Priorities

Dear [Candidate’s Name],

I hope this message finds you well. My name is [Your Name], and I am an architect working in [Your Region]. As a member of the Australian Institute of Architects, Queensland Chapter, I am reaching out to discuss some key issues that are crucial to our profession and the broader community.

Architecture plays an essential role in [briefly mention an election issue, e.g., "addressing Queensland's housing crisis" or "designing climate-resilient communities"]. With the upcoming state election, I would like to ask for your support on the following priorities:

**Improve design quality of all State Government projects**

By partnering with architects, new design-led housing policies and housing solutions can be developed in response to our current housing crisis that maximise value to Government and support the delivery of comfortable, climate responsive and efficient homes for Queensland communities.

**Deliver climate resilience and environmental sustainability in all government projects**

Across the State, Queenslanders are increasingly experiencing longer hotter summers, more frequent floods, and greater weather volatility generally as a consequence of our changing climate. Design for zero carbon, climate resilience, and enhancing natural systems are all emerging areas of built environment design that are critically important to keeping our communities safe and well. Government has a pivotal role to play in leading the way in the creation of climate-safe communities through design.

**Increase architectural capacity within the State Government**

The Office of the Queensland Government Architect (OQGA) plays a pivotal role in shaping the quality of government procured buildings and our urban realm. The OQGA utilises expert advice, design leadership, and advocacy tools and services throughout the project development process and at key decision-making stages – feasibility, design, and procurement - to harness and maximise overall project quality and benefits to deliver economic, functional, social, health, cultural and aesthetic value, and policy and regulatory compliance.

**Local workforce capacity**

Architecture essentially requires a large amount of on-campus study to undertake practical design assignments in studio and to develop team-based design collaboration skills. Students from remote and regional communities face the additional costs of accommodation and, travel that can risk present a high risk of attrition for regional and remote students across five years of study for their required bachelor and masters degrees.

These policies would significantly benefit both our profession and the community. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these in more detail or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,
[Your Name]
[Your Contact Information]