**Phone Call Script**

Opening: "Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I am a [Your Role] with [Organization]. I live and work in [Your Region], and I’m reaching out to you today as part of our effort to advocate for important issues in the lead-up to the state election."

State Purpose: "I wanted to talk briefly about a few key policy areas that are critical for our profession and the wider community, especially concerning [e.g., housing, climate resilience, infrastructure]. Specifically, we are advocating for:

**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.

Ask for Support: "These policies are essential to ensure [mention positive community impact, e.g., safe, affordable housing, climate-resilient communities]. I wanted to ask if this is something you would be willing to support during your campaign."

Closing: "Thank you so much for your time. We really appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing your support on these issues. If you need any more information, I'd be happy to provide it."