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The Honourable Grace Grace MP
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Dear Minister Grace, Mrs Mullen and Mr Russo,

Thank you for meeting with us late last year and early this year on topics important to the Landscape Architecture profession in Queensland.

We are aware that the state budget is currently being prepared and we would like to take the opportunity to raise our discussions regarding resourcing in the Office of the Queensland Government Architect (OQGC).

Given that the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee Board now has a chair, and a global search is on for CEO it is reasonable to expect that demands on facilities and advice of the Queensland Government Architect's Office will increase exponentially as design briefing works for 2032 facilities ramp up.

With this increasing workload it is vital that the OQGC is provided with additional resources in the upcoming state budget, with a focus on multidisciplinary design skills.

We strongly recommend that the OQGC is given a budget specifically to employ a Senior Registered Landscape Architect.

This would bring the OQGC in line with other State Government Architect Offices around the country and increase their ability to provide advisory services and design oversight related to public realm across Olympics design planning.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Institute and we look forward to engaging with you at this exciting time for Brisbane and Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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