[Insert name of candidate]

[Insert address of candidate]

[Insert email of candidate]

Dear [insert candidate name]

**Living Infrastructure Strategy – Making Better Places for Australian to Live**

I am a local resident in the [insert] electorate and member of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA).

Landscape architects represent a profession increasingly dominating the debates to lead policy-making to deliver exemplary outcomes for our cities, towns, regions and their inhabitants.

The work of Australian landscape architects is increasingly being recognised worldwide for our unique skills in creating liveable cities, healthy active spaces and sustainable design outcomes for all people.

We create conditions for nature to function and thrive, ensuring that infrastructure puts back as much as it takes from Australia’s ancient landscape.

We bring together other disciplines, to generate better, more integrated outcomes.

We are active on infrastructure development teams of all types, often leading, connecting, facilitating and navigating to help achieve shared outcomes.

There are number of key issues that have a significant impact on liveability and quality of life which warrant consideration by all candidates for the Australian Parliament as it determines its role in developing our cities and regional centres.

I am seeking to understand how, if elected, you will support policies that support Living Infrastructure in our electorate.

I believe that all candidates for the Australian Parliament should commit to the development of a **Living Infrastructure Strategy**.

A *Living Infrastructure Strategy* would advance the significant contribution that ecological and biological systems can contribute to the development of city, as well as urban, regional and rural infrastructure. Green infrastructure is a key element.

A *Living Infrastructure Strategy* would also reduce the burden on energy by making our streets, parks, private and public spaces cooler once implemented.

A *Living Infrastructure Strategy* will acknowledge that nature itself operates as an enabler of more effective systems, providing important ecosystem benefits to our city, regional and rural communities.

Overall, a national *Living Infrastructure Strategy* would provide a framework for national infrastructure investment to catalyse the restoration of the nation’s urban landscape, which AILA considers to play a significant role in promoting prosperity, productivity and health and well-being for Australia’s cities and towns.

Is a national *Living Infrastructure Strategy* you could support the development of if elected?

More information on what a Living Infrastructure Strategy would entail can be found [here.](http://www.aila.org.au/imis_prod/documents/2019%20Federal%20Election%20Platform_v1.pdf)

[insert any specific local issues that need attention].

 I look forward to your response and wish you luck in the upcoming federal election.

Sincerely,

[Insert signature]

[insert name]

[insert date]