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Strategic Planning (Amendment package Q)
City Planning and Economic Development
Brisbane City Council
Via Email: strategic.planning@brisbane.qld.gov.au

RE: Proposed Citywide Amendment - Planning Scheme Policy - Amendment Package Q

The Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed citywide amendment - planning scheme policy - Amendment package Q.

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 congratulates and supports Brisbane City Council's plans to make these changes to the City Plan and we believe these changes will positively contribute to making Brisbane an even greater place to visit and live. It is great to see the new planning scheme policy translating design elements from the New World City Design - Buildings that Breathe Guide and applying these more broadly to additional building typologies across more locations to help deliver a truly subtropical city. Further benefit could also be realised by strengthening the language for recognising the value of our existing vegetation. The addition of a clause in Section 2.1.3 that reads 'arrange the site building/s and earthworks to maximize retention of existing trees', would be useful in demonstrating BCC's commitment to meaningful green infrastructure.

Good landscape design principles play a pivotal role in enhancing the aesthetic appeal and functionality of a property, positively influencing the perceived value of real estate developments. By strategically incorporating elements such as well-designed green spaces and cohesive layouts, developers and property owners not only create visually appealing environments but also foster a sense of community, attracting potential buyers and tenants, ultimately boosting the overall market value and income potential of their projects.

Amendment Package Q is a positive step forward for our city. We commend the Council for its foresight and leadership in this important matter, and we urge all stakeholders to actively engage in the consultation process to ensure the successful implementation of this important initiative.

We would welcome any further opportunities to discuss this project with the City Planning and Economic Team. Please contact Melanie West, AILA Queensland Chapter Manager on 0417 666 622 or melanie.west@aila.org.au

Yours sincerely,

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