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Industry Joint Response to the Accredited Professionals Scheme – Discussion Paper

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The Australian Institute of Architects, the Planning Institute of Australia and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects SA Chapters are pleased to provide this consolidated covering letter to our individual submissions regarding the Accredited Professionals Scheme Discussion Paper in the new planning system for South Australia.

We each offer individual submissions with focus on our direct areas of interest but have met and share common positions on the following primary elements:

1 – Support for accreditation including recognition of existing schemes run by our Institutes

We support the principle of a system of accreditation of skills and ongoing development for those with roles in assessment and/or determination in the planning system.

We have already discussed with DPTI that our organisations offer their own registration and accreditation systems which should be interlinked with the DPTI accreditation for planning to minimise work for both DPTI in the administration of the system and our members in application for DPTI accreditation.

2 – Roles for Professional Expertise in the assessment process

We support the upskilling of accredited professionals involved in the planning assessment process.

We also note the ongoing roles for relevant professionals in the provision of subject matter expertise relating to the assessment of applications. These roles currently exist for items such as heritage or traffic engineering assessment.

With the planning system now having a key focus on design excellence in outcomes we assert that roles for design professionals to provide expert review of design matters will also be required within the planning system. We look forward to working further with DPTI on the selection and application of these professionals and on the triggers within the system for referral.

3 – Accredited professionals and Insurances

We understand that DPTI are seeking confirmation that Accredited Professionals who take roles either within assessment authorities or on panels will be covered by a mutual liability insurance scheme. We note that our Institutes view this clarification as having great importance because the need for personal liability insurances will preclude many suitable members from seeking participation through panel roles.

Yours Sincerely,

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