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Emailed to: Richard.Capie@branz.org.nz

From Teena Hale Pennington, Chief Executive

Re **BRANZ INDUSTRY RESEARCH STRATEGY**

Dear Richard

1. Thank you for the opportunity for the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) to provide feedback on the BRANZ, *Industry Research Strategy*.
2. The Institute congratulates BRANZ on developing a research programme on the issues affecting the industry. Evidence and ongoing research are critical to the industry's future.
3. The NZIA Council considered the Research Strategy at its meeting on 12 September. Following the Council meeting, feedback was requested from across the membership on the draft Strategy. A summary of the feedback is **attached**.
4. As you will see from the attached comments, the Institute is keen for the following areas to be addressed:

- a. incentivising and encouraging building owner behaviour;

- b. understanding 'resilience' and building facilities management and non-structural elements;
 - c. the control and management of internal moisture for existing building stock;
 - d. the innovation and productivity delivered through architect/engineer collaborations;
 - e. the importance of design quality to housing choice; and
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- f. understanding the impact of regulatory mechanisms on industry users (clients, professionals) – multi-proof consents, acceptable v alternate solutions; acceptable solutions v verification methods, etc.
5. We look forward to progressing the Strategy in partnership with BRANZ and the active involvement of Institute members in the specific areas of work.
6. Should you need any further information from the Institute, please contact me on thalepennington@nzia.co.nz or 027 527 5273.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teena Hale Pennington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teena Hale Pennington
Chief Executive

Cc NZIA BRAC members, Barry Dacombe and John Melhuish

Attachment: *NZIA feedback on BRANZ Research Strategy*