## 25th October 2018



H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Junction Australia supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- Supporting outcomes across the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty) and 5 (Gender Equity). Junction Australia provides quality and affordable housing, as well as community support, such as domestic violence services, to over 8,500 South Australians each year.
- 2. Leveraging our corporate partnerships to advance sustainable development. For example, in relation to SGD 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) we have recently collaborated with ZEN Energy to provide solar systems on 100 properties managed by Junction Australia.
- 3. Support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their sustainability efforts. For example, Junction Australia has established a three-year partnership with the Entrepreneurship, Commercialisation, and Innovation Centre, University of Adelaide (2018-2021) to fund a Research Fellowship. Dr Tracey Dodd holds this position. We would be delighted to contribute her research expertise and knowledge in the area of sustainability and innovation.
- 4. Engage with Global Compact Local Networks. In particular, we propose to join the following workstreams that support the central pillars of our organisation's strategy: Human Rights; Gender Equality; Children's Rights; Climate Change; Sustainable Development Goals; Private Sector Engagement; and Supply Chains.

We recognise that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organisation's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

Maria Palumbo

**Chief Executive Officer**