

17th December, 1999

Productivity Commission,
Architect Inquiry,
LB2, Collins St East,
Melbourne,
Victoria 8003,
Australia

Dear Sirs,

I write in support of Registration of Architects. Although I live and practise in Fiji, I have jealously protected and retained my Australian status as a registered architect in Western Australia, from where I graduated.

Living off-shore (I still hold an Australian Passport), it is of considerable comfort, and in many cases considered desirable by our International Clients, that we are registered under the umbrella of a professional association which is acclaimed world-wide. I am also registered in Fiji, as required by Fiji Laws, but this does not have the same recognition as my Australian qualification.

We would undoubtedly lose a competitive edge against our local associates who may be registered in the U.K., N.Z. and the U.S etc.

As such, I strongly support the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia in that it is paramount that registration of Architects is retained and that the most appropriate model is a Uniform Act across Australia administered by local State or Territory boards.

Yours faithfully,

(signature)

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cc. Architects Board of Western Australia