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The Chairperson
Productivity Commission
Architects Enquiry
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Dear Sir/Madam

I Arthur William Thomas Smith am a registered architect (retired from active practice) and write to register my view that it is of the utmost importance that the legislation of architects be retained.

I offer the following support of my views:-

- a) architects as a general rule, seek qualifications in the profession, not essentially for any large monetary remuneration, but to fulfil a personal desire to create 'beautiful' buildings. 'Beautiful' or 'functional' are subjective evaluations, but there can be no doubt that those succeeding to registration have been subjected to years of intensive training and will continue to need to enhance their knowledge to meet the pace of growing technological advances – the need for stringent qualification for the design and development of building should, if anything, be more demanding, than removed altogether.
- b) Further to the generalisation in (a) above. The consequences of the removal of legislation following intense training and examination will lead to the insidious encouragement of unqualified entrepreneurial 'shysters' leading to buildings with consequent public risk, non-compliance through ignorance, with statutory regulations and consequent financial loss to the unsuspecting clients.

I urge you to concentrate on legislation to control financial brokers. The business community etc. where there is n obvious need to increase legislative control and limit, if necessary. Your examination of the architectural profession to the rationalisation of amplication. of matters affecting the profession and encourage the unification of registration across all states.

Yours sincerely

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