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WA

architects

The Chairman  
Productivity Commission  
'Architect's Inquiry'  
LB2, Collins Street East  
MELBOURNE  
Victoria 8003

Dear Sir,

**Re: Architect's Act - Review.**

I, John Bruce CALLOW, being an architect registered in Western Australia, support the view of the Architect's Board of WA 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.

The registration of Architects should not be seen as 'restriction of competition' but as a mechanism to protect the public's financial assets and investments. Whether as individuals or companies, the public makes some of its largest and most significant lifetime investments in property and building, whether constructing a simple cottage or a major, multi-storey, inner city development. Accordingly, the public are entitled to know that the project is being designed and overseen by competent, qualified and responsible professionals.

Architects provide and control a process, on behalf of their clients, which is as significant as the investments that people make when placing money into a financial institution, purchasing an existing property or investing money on the stock exchange. All these processes and investments are subject to Government registration and control to ensure that the public is protected and provided with an acceptable level of qualification and professional behaviour. It is therefore essential that Architects continue to be registered if they are entrusted with providing advice and services to clients that will impact on the most significant investments they will make in their life or, in the case of a public company, investments made on behalf of others.

As we live in a particularly mobile society, it is also essential that registration is uniform across Australia so that the public is confident the standards are the same if they move from one State to another. Similarly, an Architect from time to time will be required to provide services in a State other than the one where registration may originally have occurred and should be qualified to provide the same professional services any where in Australia.

Yours faithfully

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