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Productivity Commission
Architects Inquiry
LB2 Collins Street, East
MELBOURNE, VIC 8003

Dear Sirs

I, Bruce Sherwood, as a registered architect in Western Australia, strongly support the view of the Architects' Board of Western Australia, and believe the registration of Architects MUST be retained.

Registration of Architects should not be seen as a restriction to competition, but rather as a means of ensuring quality of service and protection for the customer.

Indeed, within the building industry in Western Australia there has been a move to increased regulation to provide the protection the consumer demands.

Scope already exists to use a practitioner other than an architect if desired, however the name "Architect" implies a standard of service and regulation worth retaining in its current Form.

A most appropriate model to minimise such problems and to protect the public is the registration of Architects through a uniform act across Australia, administered by local State or Territory Boards.

Yours sincerely,

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