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Productivity Commission
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Commissioners

RE Current review of Architects Act

As an architect registered with the Architects Board of Western Australia, I wish strongly to support the view of the Board that it is of the utmost importance to the community as a whole that registration of architects is retained.

You would know that architects are required to complete a five year full-time University Degree, followed by two years full-time in a recognised architectural practice. During this time, a log book recognising their progress and competence within the substantial range of professional requirements is maintained. It is then required that this log be submitted to the Board for approval, followed by a rigorous examination by representatives of the Board, before Registration is granted.

The public should know that when they choose to use the services of an architect, they are getting someone with at least this degree of professional background and training.

I believe the most appropriate model is a uniform Act across Australia administered by local State or Territory boards.

Yours faithfully

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