

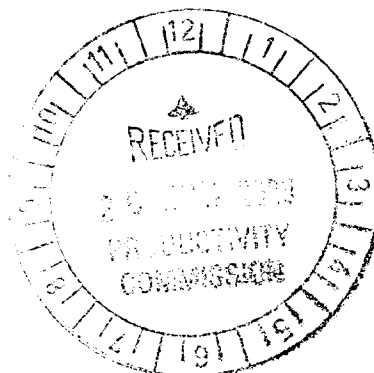


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Dear Ms Gropp

I refer to your request for Submissions on the Productivity Commission's draft *Review of Legislation Regulating the Architectural Profession*.

The Queensland Department of Public Works is responsible for administering the *Queensland Architects Act 1985*, and hence has an interest in the Review.

In response to the report, I wish to highlight the need to ensure that:

- there is a standard (or benchmark) level at which services of an architectural nature are provided, in order to protect consumers;
- overseas business opportunities are enhanced and promoted in every way possible. Certification needs to be considered in light of its enhancement of overseas opportunities; and
- the exemption of Section 74(2) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to Architects, is now removed.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft report. If the Commission has any further questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact Mr John Scrivens, ph (07) 322 45420.

Yours faithfully

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