

Gary Marinko

Architects

15 December, 1999

Productivity Commission
Architects inquiry
LB2, Collins Street East
Melbourne
Victoria
8003

Dear Sir/Madam

I Gary Marinko being a registered architect support the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia in that it is paramount that registration of Architects is retained and the most appropriate model is a Uniform Act across Australia administered by local State or Territory boards.

I note that Architects are not in a monopolistic position, they carry out only a small proportion of the design services for the total Australian construction industry, and of housing construction we do an even smaller percentage of the work.

As a protection to the public it is important that the title of Architect continues to be only open to those who have the required tertiary education and practice based qualifications. The protection of this title should not be administered by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, there would be a conflict of interest. but by the current independent Boards.

I note that the United Kingdom has in the recent past carried out an examination of the Architects registration act similar to the one you are doing. They came to the conclusion that Registration of Architects should be retained and I hope you come to the same conclusion.

Regards

Gary Marinko