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Productivity Commission  
Architect Enquiry  
LB2 Collins Street East  
Melbourne VIC 8003

Dear Sir,

I am an architect registered in Western Australia since 1960 and have practiced continuously since then.

I understand the reason for registration of any professional is to:

- **protect the consumer**
- **regulate the registered professionals**
- **set the rules by which they operate**
- **punish those who do not abide by the rules.**

Additional activities by the registering authority are to maintain a suitable education system/standard for those aspiring professional and to promote the responsibilities (and limitations) of those qualified professionals.

The reverse responsibility of this registering authority should be to vigorously eradicate those none registered pseudo professionals.

In the United States of America (where I worked for a year) the State administering authorities require that all project documents for buildings of a certain cost/size are stamped and signed by the registered professional architect and/or engineer before submission to the Municipality for the issue of a building license.

The direct effect of this is that the issue of a license is almost a formality as little or no checking from adequacy or compliance is necessary. The effect of this is that checking before signing is very carefully carried out as the responsibility is very clearly defined.

Yours faithfully,

(signature)

GEORGE WINNING