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

**RE: ARCHITECTS ACT**

I, Graeme Paynter, 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 that the most appropriate model is a Uniform Act across Australia administered by local State or Territory boards.

I urge you to seriously consider that the public of Australia is best served by dealing with 'an Architect' and with someone who is appropriately qualified by virtue of education, training and experience and has the necessary competencies and resources.

I suggest that if other unqualified persons who claim to carry out 75% of domestic works in Australia, did possess the skills and qualifications of a qualified and registered architect, then the quality of much of the urban environment in Australia would not reflect the sub-professional skills employed and would not be identified as questionable or unfortunate.

Yours sincerely  
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