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Architects Registration

I write to express my view that the registration of Architects must be retained in Australia. To attain my own registration as an Architect required 5 years of undergraduate study, a minimum of 2 years of post graduate experience at an appropriate level and range of experience, followed by an oral examination.

The maintenance of professional design integrity at such a level of certificate rigour is of direct benefit to the general community and our built environment. The public are assured that the involvement of an Architect will ensure a level of professional objectivity that is answerable to a higher level of authority than solely the financial interests of one party.

I concur with the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia, that a Uniform Act for registration of Architects across Australia is an appropriate model, administered by State and Territory boards or by a central single administrative body.

Yours Sincerely

CC Architects Board of Western Australia