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Our Ref.

Productivity Commission  
Architects Inquiry  
LB2 Collin Street  
East Melville  
VICTORIA 8003  
Dear Sirs

I am a registered architect in the states of Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory, and I urge you to carefully consider the competitiveness of Australian architects in securing overseas work without the acknowledgement of being a registered architect within Australia.

My company, Hames Sharley, is a major architectural firm, with large offices in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and also in Auckland, New Zealand. We actively compete for work throughout Asia, India and China, and are currently working with an American architectural firm on two projects, and are being considered for another project in England, with a complimentary British firm.

The value and acknowledgement of a registration or license which indicates an upholding of standards in quality of delivery of professional services is exceptionally important when pursuing work and being competitive in an international market.

I urge the Productivity Commission to be most careful in its consideration, and ensure that Australian architects are not disadvantaged in the international market place.

Yours faithfully  
HAMES SHARLEY

(signature)

WILLIAM G HAMES  
Executive Chairman