

IAN HARRIS  
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13th December 1999

Productivity Commission  
Architects Inquiry,  
LB2, Collins Street East,  
Melbourne. Victoria 8003,

Dear Sir or madam,

RE:- DEREGULATION OF THE PROFESSION

I, Ian Harris, 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.

The RAIA is not the appropriate body to administer a Uniform Act as it is clearly a conflict of interest and this would be seen to be so by the public. One of the main purposes of the institute is to promote its member's services where as the boards have a sole purpose in impartially administering the Act.

Competition does exist for there is no council, that I know of, that excludes any person from designing and administering any building of any size or value. Local Government Councils, on the other hand, insist that all building license submissions over a value of \$10,000-00 must be accompanied by a signed set of documents from a registered structural engineer.

Please do not change the status quo.