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The Productivity Commission

Re: **REVIEW OF LEGISLATION REGULATING THE ARCHITECTURAL
PROFESSION**

I wish to make a submission to the Commission regarding the above.

I have been active as a self-employed Architectural Building Designer for in excess of 35 Years. I became a member of the Building Designers Association of New South Wales Inc. when it was first formed in 1993 and am still a Full Member.

In the past 35 years or so I have been involved in the design and documentation of projects ranging from additions, new residences, commercial, industrial, places of worship, semi-public buildings, etc. and have achieved a reputation for design expertise and accuracy. I have been responsible for numerous award winning designs in the housing sector. I recently completed the Project Management of a \$1m complex, and as such was responsible to the project building committee for all aspects of documentation, construction, liaison with Engineer's, certification of progress payments, etc.

The Building Designers Association actively encourages professional development, and a compulsory scheme is in place to ensure that all Building Designers stay in touch with regulations, new products, new technology, etc. A Code of Ethics and a Mission Statement have been developed by the association, and it is expected that all Building Designers work within these frameworks.

It is acknowledged that the majority of submissions to Councils come from Designers. This is not accidental, and indeed reflects the high esteem that the community and the building industry in general hold Building Designers throughout the state and the whole country.

Architects and Building Designers need to work together to promote excellence in our profession. We do not need legislation that restricts the participation of highly experienced Designers in the industry. We need legislation that prevents 'back-yarders' from preparing sub-standard submissions to Councils. As a united group of professionals we can raise the standard of architectural design Australia wide.

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