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TO: PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION – Architects Enquiry

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Re: ARCHITECTS ENQUIRY

I am concerned by reports that the commission may be recommending de-regulation of the use of the word architect.

The term was initially regulated by legislation to protect the public from inadequately trained persons implying they had certain professional skills by calling themselves ‘architects’ and I believe the same purpose is served today. Regulation of the use of the term ‘architect’ does not prevent others from practicing all or part of the skills of architecture but is instead a statement of qualification and should be regulated for use only by persons who are appropriately qualified by virtue of education, training and experience.

Therefore I support the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia, that it is of paramount importance 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.

Yours sincerely

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