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Productivity Commission  
Architects Inquiry  
LB 2 Collins Street East  
Melbourne  
VICTORIA 8003

Dear Sir,

I wish to submit my strongest objection to the Commission's current inquiry to deregulate the Architectural Registration Act covering the provision of services to the public in each State.

In a profession that continually qualifies excess graduates to the take up demand within the industry, there is more than sufficient competitive pressure to maintain an acceptable level of fees and performance to guarantee that the public is receiving a professional and proper service. The Architects Registration Board maintains that the correct standard are enforced for public assurance and that they are dealing with someone who is appropriately qualified by virtue of education, training and experience with the necessary competencies and resources.

The maintenance of professionally qualified people to construct the City and Urban fabric is reflected in the quality of design and functioning of the communities buildings.

I believe that the future of achieving quality services for Australian Cities is better achieved through professional controls rather than deregulation and support the retention of Architect's Registration as the appropriate form of guarantee to the public and government.

Yours faithfully,

(signature)

John L Silbert