

December 20, 1999

Productivity Commission  
Architects Inquiry  
LB2, Collins Street East  
Melbourne VIC 8003

The Commissioners,

**Re: Review of Regulation of Architects across Australia**

I wish to advise the Productivity Commission that I, being a registered architect, strongly support the view of the Architect's Board of Western Australia in this matter. It is paramount that registration of Architects is retained and I believe the most appropriate model is a uniform Act across Australia, administered by local State or Territory boards.

While I support the RAIA as a professional body I believe a conflict of interest arises should it be the regulatory body for any form of proposed or current Architect Act, regulation or the like.

I also am strongly opposed to any broad deregulation of the architectural profession. The public, and the client base for architectural services, is entitled to have confidence in the standards of education, training and experience, and in the competencies, of the "Architects" they are dealing with. The potential for a decline in standards, public safety and confidence in taking other paths does not warrant the risk of pursuing those paths.

Australians deserve their surroundings to be created professionally, by qualified, professional Architects in conjunction with the many other professional disciplines involved in the creation of this country's built environment

Sincerely,

(signature)

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