



Western Australia

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Productivity Commission  
Architects Inquiry  
LB2 Collins Street East  
Melbourne VIC 8003

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Deregulation of the Architects Profession

As a registered and practising architect I strongly support the maintenance of the registration requirement for architects\_

Under current legislation there is no restriction as to who is able to design buildings in Australia. As a result the building design industry currently operates in a deregulated environment. It is extremely important therefore that a nationally recognised and administered system exists which sets minimum standards for the qualifications and experience of those operating within the industry.

Currently architects undertake a five year university degree course followed by a minimum of 2 years practical experience prior to sitting formal registration exams. These exams are designed to test expertise and experience in the industry as well as professional responsibility and business knowledge.

It is important that the search for "minimum cost for service" does not result in a decrease in the quality of service available to the community. The current act does not limit the public's choice but merely provides the public with a guaranteed level of service when employing architects.

I therefore support the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia "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".

You sincerely

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