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To whom it may concern,

I feel very strongly about further possible inroads into a profession that is already vulnerable through market forces and the proliferation of designers, draughtspeople and project home builders.

Deregulation of the profession would have far reaching consequences not only to those already practising, but to those currently undertaking their exacting architectural education and those with the aspirations to do so.

I would personally like to see a system similar to that adopted in Germany where there is a requirement by law for a 'Registered Architect' to undertake, or oversee, any project greater than a double house or duplex. The reasons for such a requirement are no different in Australia than in Germany and have no doubt been clearly outlined by The Architects Board.

I, Michael Sorensen, being a registered architect, therefore strongly endorse the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia in 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.

I trust you will take due consideration of these concerns and not be party to the demise of the architectural profession. I would also strongly suggest the study of the German model and how the system there treats its architects.

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