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Productivity Commission
Architects Inquiry
LB2, Collins Street East
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Dear Sirs

I, Peter Jodrell, being a registered architect, support 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.

Registration is a form of Quality Assurance for those needing architectural services. It ensures that anyone calling themselves an architect has certain minimum academic and professional qualifications.

It is my opinion that the reduction of design, to the lowest common denominator, that is, how much it costs, is one of the biggest factors in the deterioration of the Australian built environment. At the moment, qualified and registered architects, while still competing with those outside the profession, are able to uphold some higher ideals. They do this at some cost, including a lengthy education, the need for ongoing professional development, the cost of professional indemnity insurance and currently, not much remuneration. The public needs protection from incompetent and dishonest practitioners at the very least, but the public also needs a profession concerned about the quality of its built environment.

Yours faithfully

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Peter Jodrell
Architect