

**SPOWERS**

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

17 December 1999

Dear Sir/Madam

**DEREGULATION OF THE PROFESSION**

The Architects Board of Western Australia has brought to our attention a proposal by the Productivity Commission to deregulate the profession.

I, Peter Lee, 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,

Further, Spowers do not believe that it is appropriate for the RAIA to administer a Uniform Act, as this presents a clear conflict of interest; the RAIA exists to promote its members services, whereas the Architects Boards exist as impartial bodies to administer the Act and protect the public.

We therefore strongly support retention of registration of architects as described above.

Yours faithfully

(signature)

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Managing Director

cc: Brian Wright, Architects Board WA