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Architect Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
LB 2 Collins Street East  
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Attention: Mr Vince Marion

Dear Mr Marion

Re: My facsimile of 1st June 2000 and your subsequent invitation to appear before the Inquiry on Friday 9th June 2000 at 12.30 to 12.45pm.

I propose placing before the Inquiry matters under the following (very brief) headings, some being statements of fact or evidence, and some being questions for the Inquiry to consider before a final recommendation is made:

- misrepresentation by some people as being architects and the "spillover" effects
- (unintended ?) side effects of compulsory Professional Indemnity
- additional costs of abandoning Architect Act/Boards
- effects of excessive competition on quality standards/assurance and the accompanying loss of control by the architect
- misplaced reliance on the Building Code of Australia and Australian Standards to ensure that the standards of health, safety and amenity of buildings are maintained.
- contradictory, unsubstantiated and "motherhood" statements in the draft review
- the lowering of educational standards in the face of international efforts to raise same - especially on residential work

Yours faithfully

(signature)

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