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WA

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The Director
Productivity Commission
Architects Inquiry
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Dear Sir,

I Ray Joseph Prindiville being a registered Architect No. 457 and a fellow of the RAlA support the architects Board in Western Australia in that registration in that it is paramount that registration of architects is retained by the Architects Board of Australia and the most appropriate model is a Uniform Act across Australia administered by Local, State and Territory Boards. An Architect is a true Professional, too many so called architectural designers or architecturally designed projects go ahead without the public having the full professionalism of real architects; as I gather assented to by the Queen our Head of State (recently reaffirmed by Referendum) and is law by Act of Parliament.

It is understood Hon Mike Board MLC of the West Australian State Government is pushing the Productivity Commission's Architect Inquiry denigrate a fine professional body being the architects board of Western Australia and all West Australian qualified Architects and student of the school of architecture at the University of Western Australia in particular this state of Western Australia need time Professional Qualified and Registered Architects and they in turn administered by the Architects Board of WA. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". The RAlA in Canberra it is alleged is not the appropriate body to administer directly the states of Territory's Administration, I understand the Board apposed the Productivity Commission that the preferred option was for a uniform legislation for the registration of architects across Australia (ie a Uniform act) administered by local state or territory boards. I understand the board also advised that it would strongly consider a "Uniform Act" administered by the Architects Accredited Council of Australia as the central single administrative body.

Then main purpose of the institute among other is to promote its member services whereas the Boards have a sole purpose in impartially administering the Act.

I suggest the status quo in fact remain unchanged. It appears that politicians are allegedly interfering with an act (Architects) in fact has stood the test of time. Perhaps the politicians could consider the Productivity Commission ie: "Politicians Inquiry" in the light of recent obscene rises allegedly without an in depth Public Inquiry and appropriate recommendations, as to salary and allowances and junket trips (What ever happened to a TV link up for satellite between negotiating nations and joint non political committee of Economists and lay people to test the Public of Australia re: Poly salaries for "poll" in each state for Federal Politicians Salaries Allowances and Travel and State Politicians have state public assessment.

It may be well proved that the politicians deserve a salary rise but atleast it would be often an accountable - the catch cry in recent times if all politicians. I was divisional Architect, Perth, CBD Construction and Maintenance and Contract Administration and Central Public Works Architectural Division (State Government) and was responsible for the Construction and Maintenance of all State Public Buildings in the city of Perth and environs and was also responsible for the financial accountability for the construction and maintenance of the Building.

There was no contingency fund, no mistakes were tolerated.

It appears that an alleged power grab from the East may be being proposed by the relevant ministers. We are Architects "Registered", are educated and perform as true professionals.

We are qualified and examined at the highest standard and private Architects in particular must have professional liability insurance, I wonder if the ilk of the "Architectural Designed" although undoubtedly talented carry "Professional Liability" Insurance, I think not, - they are not professional qualified architects.

Yours sincerely,
Many thanks

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