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Re: REVIEW OF LEGISLATION REGULATING THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION  
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Dear Michelle,

I am in receipt of your fax of 31st of May, regarding the time of my presentation.

I am not able to send you at this stage my full submission, but the main points as I would like to raise them on Tuesday are as follows:

1. I am concerned that the quality of the built environment will deteriorate if there is deregulation of the architectural profession. Graduates of TAFE colleges in drafting, office trained draftpersons and university Architecture graduates would offer architectural services with the public generally ignorant of the difference in their respective levels of training. It would become even harder informing the public of the differences than now.
2. I am concerned that unscrupulous operators would abuse the system even further than some do Now by for example stretching claims of their capability to perform design building works. I am not convinced that the 'Ministry of Fair Trading' would have either the w/manpower nor financial resources to act upon cases of abuse that would occur in the marketplace. There is already a well entrenched building industry marketing hype through which the public is 'educated' purchase products based on subjective values, that on dose examination provide little substance to justify these values. I am concerned that with deregulation the same process of value fabrication will even further corrupt the design profession whilst fair trading I~ would not adequately protect the gullible consumer.
3. I have problems with examples given in the Draft Report of deregulation naming the Engineering Profession and RIBA. There are good reasons why neither of these examples adequately supports your argument for deregulation.
4. Architects and university Schools of Architecture in Australia have reciprocal arrangements of Recognition, which flows on to bilateral, trades opportunities for Australia generally. I am concerned that deregulation would harm Australian trade in educational and professional services and set a bad example to many of this country's trading partners.
5. It is arguable that the Architect's Act has a flaw in its capacity to address malpractice and in protecting the consumers - not all misdemeanours are reported to the current Boards. The Boards have insufficient finance and resources so as to be pro active and to act upon situations where they could and should act. The issue may not be deregulation but providing improvements to existing regulatory structures.

Yours Faithfully

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