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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

As a registered architect of thirteen standing. I support the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia in that it is paramount that the registration of Architects is retained and that the most appropriate model is Uniform Act across Australia administered by local State or Territory Boards.

This is not about protecting a 'club' as is sometimes cynically, portrayed by those who appear to not understand the issues. It is about communicating a clear distinction to the public when seeking the services of a educated professional in the field.

The current legal obligations incumbent on registered Architects are the means by which the public can be assured of a range of standards expected of Architects. Any diminishment of these obligations would alter the public perception of the term Architect and perhaps alter the whole education system for Architects.

The public are currently able to select the services they require by engaging a registered Architect or not, depending on the service required.

I strongly resist the changes that are currently being discussed unless related to consistency between regulatory bodies across Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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