

Submission to Productivity Commission on

Standards and Accreditation Study

I am an Accredited Building Designer.

I have obtained my Accreditation from the Building Designers Association of NSW (BDANSW) However this Accreditation system which has been set up by BDANSW to ensure the continued high standards of Building Designers in NSW and which also includes a Professional Development programme which all accredited members must partake has not been accepted by the NSW Department Of Planning (DoP) and therefore has no government approval.

Continued submissions to the DoP has resulted in the NSW government saying they don't see the need for Building Designers to be accredited so they won't endorse our programme. Our Accreditation has followed proper protocol for National standards but still no action by the NSW government.

I request a review of this Accreditation and request that the BDANSW Accreditation system be formerly accepted for implementation in NSW asap.

I request this issue be considered in this current National review of Standards & Accreditation. Where an Association goes to the trouble & effort of setting up Accreditation for its members –the government should respect this effort and approve the Accreditation system especially as it conforms to national standards of Accreditation.

Yours sincerely

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