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This is a submission in response to the invitation to make submissions concerning review of legislation regulating the architectural profession. The prefix numbers refer to parts of the Issues Paper.

2.1 For a wider definition see the definition in "Construction Industry Terminology" published by the Royal Australian Institute, of Architects (RAIA). (I am the author). I attach a copy hereto.

Architects' professional services are much wider than design services. Architects provide a very wide range of professional services related to building works and the built environment generally.

3.2 There are no restrictions on competition that prevent others competing with architects for any of the services that architects offer.

(page 10) The RAIA does not recommend fees and does not have recommended fee scales. These were abandoned in about 1980. The RALA publishes a guide to fees. derived from surveys of the costs of providing architectural services.

3.4 I have never heard of any of the seven "effects" listed on page 14. I do not believe they exist- Registration does not have any bearing on architects' fees and does not increase costs to the community.

3.5 Registration Acts do not restrict non-registered persons from doing what architects do. Some Acts restrict the way in which architects practise but none restrict others at all.

If anything should change then the Acts should be changed to bring about uniformity. It will not matter who administers the uniform Acts, i.e., centrally or by the states.

Yours faithfully

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