

24 February 2000

MS Michelle Cross  
Productivity Commission,  
Architects Inquiry,  
Locked Bag, 2, Collins Street,  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 8003,

SUBMISSION TO "REVIEW OF LEGISLATION REGULATING THE PROFESSION".

I wish to take this opportunity to include this submission for comment.

Creative design is an inherent ability, it is derived through a process of experience and education.

My experience spans in excess of 30 years, in the industry and my company and personal profile should be testimony to my professional commitment to the building design profession.

It must be fair to comment a good designed building is not dependent upon a qualification but is based on economical restraints and practicable experience. Creative flair is not only restricted to architects.

I am a passionate believer and support in the Building Designers Association and their pursuit of educating the profession through their professional development program, only by this can the industry improve and move forward.

Furthermore any restriction of trade in any form will result in ultimately the consumer suffering excessive financial burden imposed on fee structures.

I trust my comments will be taken into account, as it is my true belief that should the "architects achieve their objective it will only serve to smother creative talent within the building design industry.

At present our office carries out projects in excess of \$5.5 million.

#### WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- 34 Townhouse development at Glenmore Park for Summit Properties – value \$3.8M
- Hyundai Showroom – Blacktown Hyundai – value \$600,000.
- Warehouse Complex – St Marys Dindas Lew Australia – value \$2.2M
- Commercial Premises Granville – Inspiration Investments – value \$2.4M
- Motel Complex 47 units – Penrith McKim Developments – value \$3.6M
- 12 Walk up units King Street Lemongrove Client Mr I Nercesessian

#### COMPANY PROFILE

David Walker Pty Ltd is structured for commercial and large residential projects.

We presently employ a staff of 4.

- Principal Designer and Director
- Office Manager
- Senior Draughtsman
- Junior Draughtsman

#### OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTION:

To design and document varied projects both residential and commercial from initial preliminary sketch stage, finding economically viable design solutions to client's requirements through to full architectural documentation.

#### PERSONAL PROFILE:

David Walker Director

Qualified Building Designer with 30 years experience, committed to the advancement of the building design industry in co operation with local government offices.

Presently Vice President of the Building Designers Association and has been involved with Penrith City Council on a number of committees for the Development Industry namely:

- Housing Strategy
- Residential Opportunities Study
- Formulating and advisor on the Development Control Plan & Local Environment Plan.

My personal achievements being:

- Lecturing at the University of Western Sydney Faculty of Engineering for the past 6 years.

- Being awarded 3 civic design awards
- 1) Blacktown Council for multi unit housing project
- 2) Sutherland Council for commercial development
- 3) Penrith Council for industrial development
- 2 Building Design Awards, one for heritage restoration and one for dual occupancy design.
- 2 Housing Industry Awards

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this inquiry.

David Walker  
Member of the Building Designers Association of NSW.

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