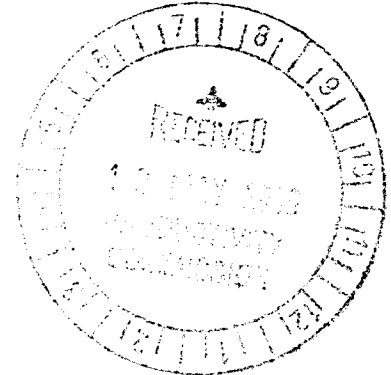


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Dear Sir,

RE: REVIEW OF LEGISLATION REGULATING THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

Having read the draft report, which is thorough and balanced, I am astounded that the Commission has recommended the repeal of all Architects Acts in Australia.

This view is contrary to the evidence included in the body of the report.

It is important to achieve national consistency and as such all State and Territory Architects Acts should be uniformly amended in accordance with nationally agreed Legislative guidelines or a Commonwealth Act should be promulgated.

We urge the commission to recommend the retention of some form of registration of architects either through separate State Acts or a single Commonwealth Act for the benefit of architects, their clients and the community as a whole.

Yours faithfully

Peter Hodge