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I confirm you have scheduled me to address the Commission next Tuesday morning from 9:30 am to 10:15 am.

The organisation I represent, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA), will be making a detailed formal submission during the course of these hearings in the various capital cities, and, others will be speaking to that submission at a later date.

I shall not pre-empt the contents of the RAIA submission in my presentation next Tuesday, but wish to respond to several findings presented in the Commission's Draft Report. These are: -

1. Validation / certification of professions and trades generally.
2. Costs / benefits to community.
3. Design - not just aesthetics or appearance, but integration of complex variables.
4. Health and safety risks in the design process.
5. Role of codes, standards, statutes: - who interprets these and compels compliance?
6. Financial risks to the consumer and the community.
7. Contractual risks: e.g. Design and Construct, Home Building Contracts Act (WA).
8. Likely consequences of deregulation / case for regulating practice of Architecture.

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