



Western Australia

Productivity Commission
Architects Inquiry
LB2 Collins Street East
Melbourne 8003

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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that the Productivity Commission is currently reviewing the Architects' Acts in all States and Territories of Australia.

As a registered Architect, private practitioner and lecturer in a school of Architecture I am extremely concerned at the decline in quality of our physical environment. I feel that any deregulation of the Architectural profession will only exacerbate this decline. If registration is removed designers will not have to take a 5 year university course, followed by approximately 2 years practice before becoming eligible for registration. The result will be less well educated, less thoughtful practitioners. Further, the general community will lose the protection they have when dealing with a regulated profession, with adverse results for our whole society.

Accordingly, I support the view of the Architects Board of Western Australia in that it is paramount that registration of Architects is retained and that the most appropriate model is a Uniform Act across Australia, administered by local State or Territory boards.

Yours sincerely,

(signature)

Richard Hammond.