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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The School of Architecture + Design at RMIT University has been requested by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects to support its submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into the Regulating of the Architectural Profession.

Broadly, the School supports the detailed RAIA submission, particularly the responses to the issues paper, and notes the following with respect to the RAIA recommendations:

- Under 4.1, a wider range of models of regulation should be investigated and considered. A national system seems appropriate. It is not clear that the interests of the RAIA and regulation coincide.
- Regulation should extend beyond registration of title. Therefore RAIA recommendations 4.2 and 4.10 contain ideas that should receive particular emphasis and consideration.

We support the RAIA position (p.22) that regulation and accreditation of courses is significant in bringing overseas students to study architecture in Australia.

Yours sincerely

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