

**INQUIRY INTO FURTHER INQUIRY INTO THE
REGULATION OF BUILDING STANDARDS**

Organisation: Pia Francesca Design Pty Ltd

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Rhia Victorino,
Principal Council Officer
Public Accountability Committee
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street Sydney
NSW 2000 Australia

Dear Rhia,

I am an interior designer, principle & director of Pia Francesca Design Pty Ltd. My small practice is 42 years old, partaking in projects in NSW, Victoria and Queensland. I have a Certificate in Commercial Advertising, have served on the Executive of the S.I.D.A, been a full member of the D.I.A for over 30 years, receiving accreditation & was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2013. I have won several national awards for interior design and decoration, employed up to 6 staff at time and mentored young students over the years and held Forums for my peers endorsed by the D.I.A. I am currently a member of the INDY Practice group.

I have huge concerns about the introduction of new legislation on my business as I am now a Sole Practitioner working on residential projects either new builds or renovations. Most often I do work with Registered architects and /or engineers but in the case of a cosmetic upgrade to say an apartment there may be no necessity or requirement for an architect. Were I to now be required to contract an architect to oversee my works then costs would escalate incredibly and possibly have clients questioning the need to employ my services.

Therefore the future of my practice may be sorely in jeopardy.

May I please request along with all of my profession that you seriously reconsider this legislation for my type of practice, although I totally understand the shoddy and sometimes dangerous standards of negligent builders and developers and unqualified practitioners have impacted on our industry.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards

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