

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

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Public Accountability Committee

**RE: Inquiry into the regulation of building standards**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the General Manager of a commercial and retail interior fit out company. Essentially, we are shopfitters and work in a wide range of sectors, with retail, pharmacy and hospitality being the focus of our business. We have become aware of recent changes to the Design and Builder Practitioners Act, introduced on 1st July 2021 for all work on Class 2 Buildings.

The proposed changes require all designers, builders, and specialist engineers to register under the new Compliance Declaration Scheme. However, with the current registration requirements, our qualified interior designers, store planners and shop fitters (all trade certified) are unable to meet the registration requirements because none of the eighteen categories are applicable to them.

Some of the professionals engaged by our company (such as store planners) have a variety of qualifications, for example, in design, construction or even retail management and will never be able to meet the proposed registration requirements as they stand, because they do not simply fall under a set 'category'.

We have serious concerns with this new regulatory framework as it stands. If left unchanged it will drastically restrict our line of work and cause substantial delays and cost blowouts to the entire sector.

We request that the new registration framework be reconsidered to address the exclusion of Shop Fitters & Interior Designers.

Awaiting your reply to discuss the matter.

Kind Regards,

Miles Austin | General Manager

