

**Submission
No 58**

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

Organisation: Total Fitouts Surry Hills

Date Received: 16 September 2021

*Total Fitouts Surry Hills and Parramatta
Peter Zafis*

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: CLASS 2 DESIGN & BUILD REGISTRATION

I am the Managing Director of an interior fitout company. We are shopfitters and work in the interior retail & hospitality sector. 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 changes require all designers, builders and specialist engineers, to register with the new Compliance Declaration Scheme. However, with the current registration requirements, our qualified designers (Bachelor's degree - Interior Design & Interior Architecture) and our qualified shopfitters (Trade Certified) are unable to meet the registration requirements.

Under this new regulatory framework, as it stands, our company which has been operating for over 7 years in this sector, will be restricted in our trade, unable to undertake the work that we have always undertaken.

We request that the new registration framework be reconsidered to address the current exclusion of Shopfitters & Interior Designers. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Name: Peter Zafis
Position: Managing Director
Date: 16/09/2021