

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

**Organisation:** Sydney Design School

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**To whom it may concern**

I am writing this submission to address the current Design and Building Practitioners Act and the implication this act has on the Interior Design industry.

I am the founder and Director of Sydney Design School, one of the largest institutions offering interior design qualifications. Many of our graduates go out and work in their own businesses so this Act will affect them in the future.

Under the new Design and Building practitioners act "Interior Designers" who provide services involving building work for a Class 2 Building or buildings with a Class 2 part, (all other parts of the building including other Class 6 or Class 5 parts of a building) will now be required to register designs and need to be a registered Design Practitioner to make compliance declarations. Even if the design is only in relation to a part of a Class 2 building, such as one unit, or is a commercial space (retail store, restaurant/café or office) within a mixed-use building (with a class 2), if it involves any building work or a performance solution, a Design Compliance Declaration is required.

The role of Interior Designers in building design and construction is not always well understood, even among building practitioners, however the role of the Interior Designer is included as an occupation under the Australian & New Zealand Statistical Classification of Occupations (ANZCO) 23 Design, Engineering, Science and Transport Professionals |232 Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors |2325 Interior Designers |232511 Interior Designer.

The new framework needs to be immediately reassessed to address the exclusion of Interior Designers and reassessed to address the exclusion of Interior Designers.

Kind regards

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