

**INQUIRY INTO REVIEW INTO THE DESIGN AND
BUILDING PRACTITIONERS ACT 2020 AND THE
RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDINGS (COMPLIANCE
AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS) ACT 2020**

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 1 July 2024

Partially
Confidential

We had an apartment renovation project where we terminated our engagement, due to the restrictions placed around Class 2 buildings. The act was introduced part way through the project, with no clear instruction or guidance as to how this effected interior designers. Interior designers have had to navigate and interpret the act themselves, and in the end the client and us decided that we would part ways, so that they could work with a practitioner who was able to register the designs on the planning portal, and hence avoid double fees.

We have since been approached to provide fees for similar projects, which we have done however have advised that the client would also need to engage an architect or building designer as well as us in order to obtain approvals, allowing for an additional 20K-30K in consultancy fees, hence making the project unfeasible.

We also regularly turn down opportunities to quote given the class 2 building and approval process.

As a small business, this is a large portion of potential revenue we have had to walk away from.