

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

**Organisation:** Hare and Klein Pty Ltd

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I founded my practice in Sydney in 1989. Since that time I have employed many qualified Interior Designers - some for over 20 years. Our practice has established a good reputation and we have worked collaboratively with consultants over this time.

The projects we have undertaken are mostly in the residential sector- both single and multi residential. Our documentation is of a very high standard, something that is often commented on by our colleagues. Currently my practice employs 13 staff.

I have been a member of the DIA for 36 years and fully support their accreditation credentials.

As a result of the 2020 Design and Building Practitioners Act, which failed to recognise the value of interior designers in the industry- our practice has had to decline work in Class 2 buildings. I consider this to be discriminatory. Our practice has suffered financially as a result.

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