

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

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The current DBPA 2020 for Class 2 buildings does not allow for Interior Designers to be registered as Design Practitioners. This in many cases, has a direct impact on our ability to work on individual apartment renovations for clients who seek to enhance their living environments within a Class 2 building. Work that has previously been carried out by Interior Designers has now to be undertaken by architects and building designers who may or may not be experienced to deliver the same outcomes for the client. Many apartment owners in Class 2 buildings are now faced with additional fees to engage additional services and consultants to reach the outcome they seek.

It seems that there is a lack of understanding within the Government as to the services and Interior Designer provides. To have been excluded by the Government from the DBPA without consultation or any effort to engage with our industry body (Design Institute of Australia) to try to understand our role within the construction industry has resulted in a great deal of uncertainty and stress and a direct impact on our ability to earn a living. The work undertaken by Interior Designers has a positive impact on the construction industry where the projects we design contribute not only a significant amount of dollars spent within the industry but also help to improve the standards of work produced.

As a group of professionals, we are asking to be included in any revisions to the Act which can enable us to be Registered Design Practitioners within the Act.

Thank you.