

**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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As an interior design the impact of the DBP Act and the Class 2 has created a huge shift in our business model. We have lost projects, one was about to commence to building phase as we could not lodge on the portal in the time frame of the new rulings. We would normally have 40% of our business in apartments and penthouses , work which we find suits our small design studio and our clientele but as there are parameters around the lodgement we can no longer take on this design work leaving a hole in our income stream.

Significantly our design work adds value to apartments and supports builders, trades, other residents in the same unit blocks and lifts the standard and liveability to this growing sector as our population increases. We fill the gap where existing buildings need a facelift but the projects are too small for architects yet interesting enough for designers working with finishes and clever placement.