

**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 interior designers working in NSW, we respectfully request that our profession be included as a category under Design Practitioner Registration Classes in the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020.

Currently, our exclusion from this category has significantly impacted our work at every stage. It is crucial to clarify that we are not stylists or decorators. We possess bachelor's degrees, advanced diplomas, and diplomas in our field. In many European countries, our qualifications allow us to be recognized as interior architects, a testament to the depth and breadth of our expertise.

This exclusion affects every CAD drawing we create, undermining our professional capabilities and contributions to the design and building industry. As trained professionals, we are responsible for creating livable, functional, and aesthetically pleasing spaces that meet rigorous safety and compliance standards.

Our expertise spans from conceptual development to detailed design execution, ensuring that every aspect of a space aligns with the needs and preferences of the inhabitants while adhering to all relevant regulations and standards. The current limitations imposed by our non-inclusion in the Design Practitioner Registration Classes hinder our ability to fully apply our skills and knowledge, thus affecting the quality and efficiency of our work.

We urge you to consider the critical role that interior designers play in the built environment and to amend the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 to include interior designers as a recognized category under Design Practitioner Registration Classes. Doing so will not only validate our profession but also enhance the quality and safety of interior environments across NSW.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Kind Regards

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