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**To:** Adjudication  
**Subject:** Submission regarding the proposed revocation of authorisation A58.



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Dear Sir,

Thank you for the invitation to make a written submission regarding the proposed revocation of authorisation A58 to the RAIA.

Please find attached the response from the Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV).

Regards

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Dear Sir

**Submission regarding the proposed revocation of authorisation A58.**

Thank you for the invitation to make a written submission regarding the proposed revocation of authorisation A58 to the RAIA.

The Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV) considers that:

There is continued public benefit in the RAIA publication of information regarding architects services, conditions and fees, including a fee guide.

The Board is aware that such information is a guide only and that fees are subject to market competition between architects and with others in the design services market.

The advancements cited by the ACCC in 3.10 have not lessened the usefulness of these publications.

There is no perceived anti-competitive conduct in the RAIA promulgating and enforcing its Code of Conduct as that Code applies to members of the RAIA and membership is voluntary.

While changes have been made to the documents in question, these changes update the provisions, do not change the original tenor and retain the public benefit identified originally.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Hutson  
(Chairperson)