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Dear Mr Gregson

I refer to your letter dated 8 September 2004 detailing the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's intended enquiry into the Royal Australian Institute of Architects authorisation under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

The Department of Commerce does not propose to make a submission in this matter, but notes that the legislative environment has changed significantly since the date of authorisation.

Earlier this year a reformed *Architects Act 2003* commenced, along with the Architects Regulation 2004. This creates a regulatory regime, including a statutory Code of Professional Conduct, which is substantially different from that which prevailed in 1984.

The legislation is accessible on the New South Wales' Government legislation web site at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for seeking the Department's view in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Michael Coutts-Trotter
Director-General

