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Dear Mr Grimwade

Review of authorization A58 granted to the Royal Australian Institute of Architects

As indicated in my letter of the October 2004 to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission the NSW Architects Registration Board is not able to provide a formal response to the Review of authorization A58 granted to the Royal Australian Institute of Architects by the 5 November 2004.

The NSW Architects Act 2003 came into force on 30 July 2004 and the Board appointed by the Minister for Commerce under the provisions of the Act met for the first time on 13 October 2004.

In broad terms, the role of the NSW Architects Registration Board is to regulate architects and to promote the discussion of architecture in the community. The NSW Architects Act 2003 under which the Board operates is essentially legislation to protect consumers by informing them as to the persons who are entitled to use the title 'architect' and to investigate claims of unsatisfactory professional conduct by architects.

Under the legislation, only those persons who are on the NSW Register are entitled to call themselves architects in NSW. There is no restriction on practice, that is, other persons may provide design services but not use the term 'architect' or indicate or infer that they provide 'architectural services'.

If the Board wishes to comment on this matter I will inform you.

Yours sincerely

Kate Doyle
Registrar

