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Re: RAIA's Application for Substitute Authorisation

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Dear Mr Gregson

I am writing in support of the RAIA's application for substitute authorisation originally issued in 1984. SJB believes this move is of great importance to the architectural profession, in particular with regard to the following issues:

Code of Conduct

We expect the RAIA as our professional institute to protect the rights of it's members and clients and to uphold higher standards, above those already in place that apply generally under government regulation to all registered architects.

Standard Client/Architect Agreements

In order to protect the interests of architects and their clients, we believe it benefits both parties to have in place fair standard documents as a guide and starting point from which to negotiate engagement conditions. This will ensure the conditions for both architect and their client are fair, and negate the need to engage legal advice to confirm this.

Competition Guidelines

In the interest of achieving the best design solution for a client, the competition process provides an opportunity for the assessment of several possible design outcomes, and thus the selection of the best design response. To protect the integrity of this process, and to avoid potentially deterring architects from entering competitions for fear of unfair process, we believe the guidelines should be updated to reflect this.

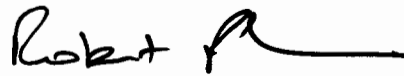
Architects should be confident that the guidelines to the design process are fair and would make certain that no disadvantage to architects exists due to the process itself.



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In summary we believe that the authorisation enables us to provide a more effective service to our clients and the public benefit is enhanced by having in place more stringent controls provided by the authorisation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Peake', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Robert Peake
General Manager