

4 February, 2016

Mr Dale Webster  
Director of Building Control  
Department of Justice  
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Rosny Park, TAS, 7018

Dear Dale,

The Australian Institute of Architects (Tasmanian Chapter) would like to express its support for the *Building Bill 2016* and thank you for involving our organisation in your initial consultation.

We would like to note that the aforementioned Bill refers to “designers” in a generic sense, and while we don’t oppose this within the context of this Bill, we would suggest that there is some confusion in the community over the use of the terms “architectural,” “architect” and related derivatives where these terms are referenced in the scheme for the accreditation of building practitioners.

In our view, this confusion increases the risk that consumers may mistakenly assume that the skills and competencies of non-architect designers they may employ are equivalent to architects.

The Board of Architects has received legal advice regarding the use of the term “architect” and similar terms in the context of the relevant Tasmanian legislation, the *Architects Act 1929*, that the term “architectural” should be restricted to persons registered under the *Architects Act*.

As such, we would strongly recommend that the appropriate amendments be made to the terminologies “building designer – architectural limited,” “building designer – architectural restricted,” and “building designer – architectural domestic,” to remove consumer confusion.

As always I am happy to meet with you any time to discuss this issue further if you feel it is warranted.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Wheeler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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