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**Australian Institute of Architects**

On behalf of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute), we would like to congratulate the NSW government on the initiative to reduce and remove barriers, costs and complexity in the regulatory environment in NSW with the proposals contained in the Easy and Transparent Trading Consultation Paper.

The Institute is the peak body for the architectural profession in Australia, representing 11,000 members. The Institute works to improve our built environment by promoting quality, responsible, sustainable design. Through its members, the Institute plays a major role in shaping Australia's future.

For many years, the Institute has advocated for a national registration system for Architects in Australia, and for national consistency in insurance, continuing professional development (CPD), and practice registration requirements.

On that basis, the Institute strongly supports option 2 in section 1.13 of the paper to pursue automatic mutual recognition for the architecture profession. Allowing an architect in one jurisdiction to practice their profession in another jurisdiction without the need to apply for additional registration will improve mobility and productivity for the Australian architectural profession, with positive flow on effects to consumers of architectural services.

We are aware that there are differences that would need to be overcome with regard to some issues, such as CPD requirements, the need for a nominated architect for an architectural practice, and insurance requirements. We would strongly argue that all differences in registration requirements between jurisdictions be eliminated and a harmonised system be introduced.

Again, we would like to commend you on this initiative and if we can assist in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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