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Attn: Department of Customer Service

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Dear Department of Customer Service,

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (AILA)

SUBMISSION

Building Bill 2023 – Licensing Proposals

PREFACE

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) is the peak national body for Landscape Architecture. AILA champions quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities, and greater environmental stewardship. We provide our members with training, recognition, and a community of practice, to share knowledge, ideas and action. With our members, we anticipate and develop a leading position on issues of concern in landscape architecture. Alongside government and allied professions, we work to improve the design and planning of the natural and built environment.

In operation since 1966, AILA represents over 3,500 landscape architects and promotes excellence in planning, design and management for life outdoors. Committed to designing and creating better spaces in Australia, landscape architects have the skills and expertise to improve the nation's liveability through a unique approach to planning issues via innovative integrated solutions. In doing so, landscape architects contribute towards better environmental, social and economic outcomes for all Australians.

A central purpose of the AILA (NSW) Landscape Heritage Group is to inform, inspire and enrich the culture of the discipline of landscape architecture in Australia and particularly the identification and understanding of both natural and cultural landscapes in NSW, together with the role of such knowledge in the processes of planning and design.

STATEMENT

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) does not support the introduction of licensing of landscape architects.



BACKGROUND

Response to Question 29 of the Building Bill 2023 – Licensing Proposals - Answer Sheet.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Following review and consideration of the Licensing Bill 2023, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) does not support the introduction of licensing of landscape architects. It is understood that the introduction of licensing for landscape architects would result in a change in legislative requirements noting that whilst AILA has a registration process, this is not linked to an industry award. The introduction of licensing would increase the burden of risk and liability on our membership and require a broader restructuring of the AILA registration process.

AILA also notes that the current reform is limited to specific external structural items related to Class 2, 3 and 9C buildings. Whilst landscape architects are involved in the design of such elements, it is best practice that these still be documented by other disciplines, including architecture, hydraulic and structural engineers. As such, AILA does not believe landscape architects should be licensed.

CONCLUSION

AILA appreciates the in-depth analysis that the Department of Customer Service has undertaken regarding the profession and practice of landscape architecture. Whilst we believe that licensing for landscape architects should not be introduced, we do request that landscape architects be acknowledged on the relevant fair trading information pages/ website. AILA believes that a definition of landscape architecture and its exemption to licensing would assist with clarifying the profession relative to the Act.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Moir", is positioned below the closing text.

David Moir

AILA NSW President

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