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AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (AILA)

SUBMISSION

HBA Review: Landscape Architects and Landscape Designers

PREFACE

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) is the peak national body for the 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 currently support the introduction of licensing of landscape architects in its current form. AILA is currently undertaking a review of its professional registration process after which may impact this position.

BACKGROUND

Response to HBA Review: Landscape Architects and Landscape Designers - Answer Sheet

RECOMMENDATIONS

Following review and consideration of the Licencing Bill 2023, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) does not currently 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. We note that AILA is currently reviewing its registration process with the outcome of this review potentially influencing the current positions of AILA.

AILA has carefully reviewed the questions provided by the NSW Department of Customer Service and note that we are only able to comment on the specificity of scope, legal requirements and/or involvement of landscape architects. We are unable to comment on landscape designers as they do not fall within the remit of AILA and/or our membership base. We note that the questions provided are open ended and are very subjective noting that the profession of landscape architecture is extremely broad and complex. Landscape architects are involved in all phases and classes of projects with varying degrees of scope based on a variety of factors including but not limited to:

- Project scope, fees and deliverables
- Project phase and program
- Client aspiration
- Consultant team makeup
- Site specificity

As such we believe a more constructive approach would be to have a focused session with member of NSW Department of Customer Service to review and discuss the various roles and responsibilities of landscape architects.



CONCLUSION

AILA appreciates the in-depth analysis that the Department of Customer Service is undertaking regarding the profession and practice of landscape architecture. Whilst we believe that licensing for landscape architects should not be introduced, we do request a focused engagement session with the NSW Department of Customer Service to discuss the key components of the Building Bill and their impact to the profession of landscape architecture.

Sincerely yours,

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