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Which best describes your industry sector?

Which best describes your industry sector?: Architecture and design

State or Territory:

ACT

On whose behalf are you making this submission?

I am making this submission on behalf of an industry body

General Questions

Does the proposed NRF deliver an appropriate and proportionate response to BCR Recommendations 1 and 2?

No

If No, please provide reasons and suggestions.: The NRF does not address the role of Landscape Architects in building and construction sector. Landscape Architects have pivotal role to play in design and construction of landscape and recreation spaces and structures, pools, roof tops terraces, tree retention and vertical and podium planting on building construction sites, and this role has been omitted from the NRF.

Will the NRF, if implemented, enhance confidence in the building industry by ensuring that key practitioners in the building process are registered?

No

If No, please provide reasons and suggestions.: The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects supports a registration scheme to improve quality outcomes, but the omission of a key practitioner, being Landscape Architects, will not enhance confidence in the overall product by the building industry

Do you foresee any risks in implementing this proposal, noting that the states and territories are responsible for implementation of the NRF?

Yes
Please explain your reasoning.:
Yes, the omission of Landscape Architects, as a key practitioner in the registration scheme, will not achieve desired quality outcome for key components of the building including landscape and recreation spaces, pools, rooftop terraces, tree retention and vertical and podium planting. These are often public and communal spaces and failure risks are multiplied, as is stakeholder perception of these public spaces.

Do you think the proposed NRF will improve compliance with the NCC? 

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Please explain your reasoning.:
In the listed areas of practice, yes, but not for areas of practice that are not listed, such as Landscape Architects. The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects supports the introduction of registration, but the framework needs to list Landscape Architects as a relevant discipline in the framework.

NRF Discipline Specific Comments

Please provide your comments below.

Your comment relates to:
Building design

Registration levels:
The framework needs to recognise Landscape Architects as a specific discipline for appropriate design and construction management for landscape aspects of a building including landscape and recreation areas, pools and water features, rooftops terraces, tree retention and vertical and podium planting.

The framework should recognise the accreditation and registration levels already implemented by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects for its members achieving "Registered Landscape Architect".

Descriptions/definitions:
The discipline of Landscape Architect needs to be defined, with its description pertaining to the design and construction management of the landscape elements of the building project.

The Registered Landscape Architect definition should also recognise the accreditation and registration scheme implemented by the Australian Institute or Landscape Architects for Registered Landscape Architects.

Scope of work:
The scope of work for Registered Landscape Architects should include:
- landscape and planting areas
- Pools and water features
- Rooftop terraces
- Tree retention
- Vertical and podium planting
- construction management of the landscape elements

Qualification requirements:
The qualification requirements should recognise the registration scheme implemented by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects including:
- accredited Landscape Architecture degree from tertiary institution
- achievement of registration status by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
- maintenance of CPD Points

Experience requirements:
A minimum of between 3 and 7 years experience is desired dependant upon base degree

Any other comments for this discipline:
We refer to the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects website for more information about our organisation and accreditation and registration requirements at www.aila.org.au

Supporting documentation

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Would you like to comment on another discipline?

Yes

NRF Discipline Specific Comments

Please provide your comments below.
Your comment relates to::
Project management

Registration levels:
Our comments relate to the project management of the landscape elements of the building. The NRF needs to recognise the discipline of Landscape Architects in the design and construction management of the landscape elements including landscape and recreation areas, roof top terraces, pools and water features, tree retention and vertical and podium planting.

Descriptions/definitions:
The discipline of Landscape Architect needs to be described and defined in the NRF, and further their role in the project management / construction management of the landscape elements.

Scope of work:
The scope of work of the Landscape Architect in regard to Project Management needs to relate to the construction management of the landscape elements of the building including:
- landscape and recreation areas
- roof tops terraces
- pools and water features
- tree retention
- vertical planting an podium planting

Qualification requirements:
The qualifications should recognise the registration requirements of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects including:
- an accredited degree in Landscape Architecture from a tertiary institution
- achievement of "Registered Landscape Architect" from the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
- maintenance of CPD points

Experience requirements:
A minimum of between 3 and 7 years experience depending on the base qualification

Any other comments for this discipline:
Please refer the site for more information on the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects at www.aila.org.au

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Other Comments

The ABCB is specifically interested in your comments on the registration levels for building surveyors. Do you agree with the criteria used to distinguish between the two levels of registration for building surveyors and does it adequately accommodate the different levels of risk?

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Please provide your reasoning:

Are there any other matters you wish to comment on?

Comments:
The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects would welcome the opportunity to meet with the ABCB to better articulate the critical involvement of Landscape Architects in building construction projects, and work together to achieve the common aim of better quality in the construction industry.