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## Australian Institute of Architects

The Honourable Mick De Brenni MP  
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Dear Minister De Brenni,

Back in August 2018 I attended a meeting with representatives of your Department to discuss the need to increase fees for registration renewal for architects that would cover the costs of the Board of Architects overheads in a way that allowed greater enforcement of the Architects Act and Regulations. This meeting was also attended by the President of the QLD /NT of the ACA Robert Wesener .

During the meeting we were furnished with material that supported the need to increase fees and bolster the capacity of the Board.

We understand the fee increase from \$191.40 to \$289.00 will lift fees to a level comparable to other jurisdictions and will result in Board's improved financial capacity to take legal action to pursue individuals who are 'holding out' as architects. The AIA strongly supports the aggressive protection of the title 'architect' in order to protect the public and endorses these fee changes that will strengthen the important role of the architect.

We therefore endorse the proposal to increase fees and look forward to seeing an active Board working hard to maintain professional standards and pursuing individuals who attempt to misuse the title of 'architect'.

Regards

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