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Submission to: ANZSCO Comprehensive review

232111 Architect: request a new sub-category title “Graduate of Architecture”

The Association of Consulting Architects: Who we are

The Association of Consulting Architects (ACA) represents architectural practices in business and employment matters. As the national peak body representing the interests of employers in industrial matters, the ACA also advocates on behalf of the “business of architecture” more broadly.

Through this leadership, support and advocacy, the ACA helps to ensure the long-term health and viability of the profession, and thereby supports the important contribution that architecture makes to our cities, environments, communities and cultures. The ACA’s primary concerns have been issues of building quality, procurement, certification, equity in practice, wellbeing of the profession, and ensuring that a pipeline of talented architectural graduates exists to support this agenda.

Why we have made a Submission to this Review

We write in support of the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA’s) submission to this review. As well as the reasons outlined in their submission, we believe that it is critical for the architectural profession in workforce planning and professional development.

An important part of ACA’s role is to provide research on the profession, understand future workforce demands and track the demographic composition of both registered architects and those who may in the future seek registration. At present it is difficult to reconcile the census statistics with other sources of workforce numbers because there is no other category other than “architect”.

Adding the “**Graduate of Architecture**” category would give an indication of those who in the future might become registered architects, allowing predictions of future numbers for workforce planning.

As noted by the AACA, it would also lessen the confusion that Migration agents, the Australian consumer, applicants for migration from overseas, and the profession, find in the classification of the overseas trained architecture graduate as “ANZSCO 232111 Architect”.

We request the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to consider the creation of the sub-category “**Graduate of Architecture**” to sit under ANZSCO 232111 Architect and would welcome further conversation and supporting assistance to the department in this regard.

The ACA looks forward to your consideration on this feedback.

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