



## Australian Institute of Architects

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Letter to the Editor  
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Dear Sir/Madam

The Australian Institute of Architects publicly rebuts some of the claims made in the article [‘Construction industry groups call for crackdown on rogue tradies’](#) (CT, 14 Nov: 12.00 am) which are inaccurate with regard to the architectural profession in the ACT and cannot be left unchallenged.

First and foremost, the architecture profession in the ACT is regulated and to suggest otherwise is simply wrong. To call yourself an architect in the ACT, you must meet rigorous registration requirements managed by the ACT Architects Board. This includes tertiary qualifications, passing an examination approved by the Board to assess a person’s competence to practise architecture, and at least 2 years’ practical experience – in total, at least 7 years. Further, members of the Australian Institute of Architects must uphold the key elements of professional practice including abiding by a code of conduct, holding professional indemnity insurance, and undergoing continuing professional development.

The ACT Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects has long been calling for increased regulation of the building system in the ACT with detailed recommendations in our 2016 submission to the ACT Government. This includes introduction of regulation for building trades and professionals who are currently unregulated to ensure appropriate consumer protection.

For the CFMEU to lump architects into a list of unregulated trades (which architecture is not) in the ACT is troubling and incorrect.

Yours sincerely



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