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Attention: Ms Kim Bray,
Manager Strategic Planning

Dear Ms Bray,

cc: Mr Brett Withworth, DoP Wollongong

Ref: Kiama Council Draft DCP-2011 –Public Exhibition Submission
Topic: Chapter 5-Medium Density Development-Control C3

This Submission is specific to **Chapter 5 – Medium Density Development Control C3**

1. Chapter 5 - Control C3 states:

*‘All plans for medium density development must be prepared by **accredited Architects/Designers.**’*

PRM are unable to ascertain council’s intended definition of an *accredited Architect/Designer*. However, we note:

- 1.i) **SEPP 65** stipulates a *Qualified Designer*, as a *Registered Architect* under the Architects Act.
- 1.ii) To be called an **Architect** requires as a minimum:
 - Attend university for at least 5 years and achieve a minimum Bachelor of Architecture. Which is a multidisciplinary university level program, graduates are trained to be creative building designers with specific and measurable building design skills.
 - Then undertake a minimum of two years work experience under the direct supervision of an architect, whilst maintaining a log book of practical experience across 5 areas of skill.
 - Then apply and if accepted, sit and pass the AACA practice exam & personal interview.
 - Then apply and be accepted by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) as a registered architect, specific in each state of Australia
 - Maintain a minimum 18 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) each year. Maintain PI insurance. Maintain and conduct oneself in accordance with the ARB code of professional conduct.
 - Whilst optional, join and commit to the Australian Institute of Architects code of conduct.
- 1.iii) To be called a **Building Designer**, requires *no professional training* of any kind, no accreditation and no accountability of any kind to anybody or organisation. Essentially, any-person, at any moment in time, can decide and nominate themselves as a ‘Building Designer’.
- 1.iv) PRM encourage Council to embrace the **SEPP 65 definition of a Qualified Designer**.

Yours Faithfully,

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