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Australian Institute of Architects

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Dear John

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Many thanks again for meeting with myself and members of the Institute Council on 16 June to hear about concerns with the Board's current Continuing Professional Development Framework. Your willingness to review parts of the document is appreciated.

The Institute reaffirms its support for CPD and the benefits it provides individual architects and the broader profession. We also strongly endorse the existence of a framework that serves as a guide and welcome your acknowledgement that there is a degree of flexibility in the Board's assessment of activities undertaken. Indeed it is important for our members to clearly understand the term 'framework' as one that does provide flexibility and this will be reinforced in our future communications on the subject.

We accept that there has been limited feedback since the changes to the framework took effect in January, however this should not be read as something that has the profession's overwhelming support. In our meeting we talked about how mentoring and sessional teaching, in particular, should be recognised as 'Formal' activities and that there be less prescriptive language around these and other areas in the framework. There was also a discussion around developing progressive and inclusive policies on extended leave as recognition of the challenges and setbacks faced by those re-entering the workforce after a significant time away.

We offer the Institute's collaborative support in producing a CPD framework that is responsive to the diversity of current practice and one that best assists members in maintaining their registration obligations.

Yours sincerely

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