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TO THE SECRETARY, R.A.I.A.  
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Dear Mr. Boyd,

I shall be pleased to give you all the assistance I can in connection with the work the Melbourne University School of Architecture intends to get out.

Herewith "A" is the opening Address of Thomas Rowe, President of the Institute of Architects, delivered in 1888 in which he gives a short history of the Institute of Architects of New South Wales since 1870.

"B" will give you some information about the Institute of Architects of New South Wales and of its personalities from 1870-1923. I doubt whether the claim mentioned in this that the I.A.N.S.W. is the oldest body of Architects in Australia is correct and I have a feeling that the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects was formed in 1854 but you will be able to check on that.

We have in this office records of proceedings of the Institute of Architects since 1870 and when you come to Sydney no doubt you will like to see them. We also have, back to about 1892, a complete library of the journals of the Institute. In these there are examples of Victorian (State) domestic architecture since that time.

The I.A.N.S.W. was incorporated on 30th April, 1890 and still exists as a legal separate entity although its functions were, in 1934, taken over when the N.S.W. Chapter of the R.A.I.A. was formed. I might mention parenthetically that the I.A.N.S.W. is about to be officially wound up.

"C" will give you a brief history of the establishment of the R.A.I.A. Amplifying this I should add that in 1942 an Organised Chapter of the R.A.I.A. was established in Western Australia. As you know there are Organised Chapters of the Institute in Queensland, N.S.W., Tasmania, and Western Australia, and affiliated Institutes in Victoria and South Australia.

I would also like to refer you to page 91 of the 1947 Year Book from which you will see further historical notes about the Institute.

I personally do not know of any outstanding events which have taken place in the history of the R.A.I.A. since its formation on the 18th August, 1930. The Institute's Headquarters is purely an administrative body and personality

lies in the States - the Organised Chapters and Affiliated Institutes.

Regarding registration, the dates of the relative Acts in the States are as follows:-

N.S.W.	1921
Victoria	1922
Queensland	1928
South Aust.	1939
West. Aust.	1921
Tasmania	1929

N.S.W. has not got very far in regard to its Small Homes Service. Since soon after seeing you last year, the ball has been in the hands of the "Sydney Morning Herald".

I look forward to seeing you when you come to Sydney and will be pleased to make available to you then any matter you may require.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.

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