**Architectus – SBA**

MN-70039

# Phase 1 Determination

## Acquisition may be put into effect

23 October 2026

# 1. Determination and statement of reasons

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| **Notified acquisition** | Architectus Services BidCo Pty Ltd's (**Architectus**) proposes to acquire 100% of the issued shares in SBA Architects Pty Ltd (**SBA**) (the **Acquisition**). |
| **Determination** | The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has determined under section 51ABZE(1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) that the Acquisition may be put into effect. |
| **Parties to the Acquisition** | The acquirer, Architectus, is a multi-disciplinary practice which provides architecture, interior design and wayfinding services. Architectus operates in all Australian states and territories with nine studios located in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.<br><br>The target, SBA, is an architectural services firm which provides masterplanning, architecture and interior design services to clients in the industrial and commercial sectors. SBA has two studios in Australia and operates in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. |
| **Overlap between the Parties** | Architectus and SBA (together, the **Parties**) overlap in the supply of architectural services and ancillary interior design services to customers in Australia. |
| **Reasons for determination** | When making a determination in Phase 1, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) undertakes a competition assessment and considers whether it is appropriate for an acquisition to be approved or subject to further assessment in Phase 2 in accordance with section 51ABZJ of the C*ompetition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (the **Act**). In doing so, the ACCC must have regard to the object of the Act and all relevant matters, including the interests of consumers.<br><br>For more information about the ACCC's approach to considering notified acquisitions, see the ACCC's merger assessment guidelines and interim merger process guidelines.<br><br>In conducting its competition assessment, the ACCC has considered the information and documents that were submitted with the notification form, and third party feedback.<br><br>The ACCC has determined that the Acquisition may be put into effect as it considers that the Acquisition would be unlikely to have the effect of substantially lessening competition in any market. In reaching its decision, and based on the material before it, the ACCC makes the following findings.<br><br>• The market share aggregation resulting from the Acquisition is estimated to be low.<br><br>• The merged entity would likely continue to face competition from multiple alternative suppliers of architectural services in Australia. |
| **Applications for review** | A notifying party, or other person who has been allowed to do so by the Australian Competition Tribunal, may apply for review if they are dissatisfied with the determination. Pursuant to section 100C of the |

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| | Act, applications for review of the determination are to be made to the Australian Competition Tribunal before the end of 14 calendar days after this statement of reasons was included on the ACCC's Acquisitions Register. To confirm whether there has been any application for review, please contact the Australian Competition Tribunal. |

**Determination made by Commissioner Williams pursuant to a delegation under section 25(1) of the Act**