

## 10.0 Conclusion

This report provides a review of regulations that affects professional services in the construction industry by providing a background summary of the construction industry role in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia plan and details out who are the professionals involved. The review of regulation follows the process from inception of a professional practice to the termination of practice.

This report concludes that while regulating professional practice is necessary to protect the public, over-regulating the professionals can have a detrimental effect to the professionals and the services they offer. This report identifies 15 concerns based on feedbacks from the professional community. The concerns range from matters such as the sustainability and longevity of professional practice (Concerns 5, 6, 7, and 8), barriers to entry into the profession (Concerns 3, 4 and 5) and ease of the professional work process that has impact on cost (Concerns 11, 12 and 13). There are also concerns on regulatory matters that are not related to the professional service but they still apply to professional practice, which further add to the professionals' regulatory burden (Concern 6 and 9).

For each of the concern, options are suggested together with a recommendation based on professional best practice best suited to the local construction industry. Recommendations for the concerns are based on evaluation of each concern and takes into consideration the sustainability of the profession in the face of liberalisation which was discussed in Chapter 4.2. Some recommendations require no changes to the law such as Concern 1, 4, 8 and 10 where the law already addressed the concerns, however it need only to be enforced. There are also concerns that can be addressed only by changing the way things are currently done, some requiring amendment to the law and some requiring only changes in rules and regulations.

No matter what the concerns and the steps taken to address them, the recommendations served to ease the regulatory burdens shouldered by construction industry professionals. The changes, if accepted, are hoped to place local professionals on the same footing with architects from more advanced economy especially in light of liberalization.