



24 March 2016

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Fire and Emergency Services (Smoke Alarms) Amendment Bill 2016

We refer to the invitation for submissions received on the 2 March 2016.

Schneider Electric has provided a submission in regard to the Fire and Emergency Services (Smoke Alarms) Amendment Bill 2015 on the 8th February. We remain in full support of the overall objectives of the bill as communicated in the invitation letter, however in relation to the new 2016 Bill we have the following comments in relation to the sections referenced:

CLAUSE 7 104RBA Owner must install smoke alarm

(4) A smoke alarm must be installed in each place in the domestic dwelling required by a regulation.

And

(5) Each smoke alarm must –

- (a) be powered in a way prescribed by regulation; and**
- (b) comply with the other requirements prescribed by regulation**

The term "regulation" is a very generic term and is also not referenced in the "dictionary" with any explanation of its meaning in context with the act. We recommend that the term "regulation" be changed to the specific regulation that defines the mandatory legislative requirements applying to the relevant clauses.

Yours faithfully,

Clipsal by Schneider Electric