



# BUILDING SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Dear Sir/Madam

## RIGHT TO INFORMATION (GOVERNMENT-RELATED ENTITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2011

I refer to your letter of 19 October 2011 in which you seek submissions regarding the *Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill 2011* (the Bill).

The Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) is a statutory authority established under section 5 of the *Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991* (the Act). One of the objects of the Act is to regulate the building industry to ensure the maintenance of proper standards in the industry, and to achieve a reasonable balance between the interests of building contractors and consumers.

The BSA is therefore a public authority as defined in the *Right to Information Act 2009* and is currently subject to the provisions of this legislation.

I note that the Bill extends the meaning of a "public authority" to include a corporation supported directly or indirectly by government funds or over which the State, a Minister or a department is in a position to exercise control.

The BSA has no objection to this proposed amendment since it will have no impact on the BSA or its operations.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Bill.

Yours faithfully

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