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The Research Director,
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
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To Committee Members,

I am making a submission to the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee on behalf of the John R Keith Group. Our Group is an Australian company which commenced business in 1973 in the general plumbing and drainage industry.

We have grown steadily and are now recognised as one of Australia's major hydraulic contracting groups. The Group has an enviable track record on many projects including those related to residential developments, commercial office buildings, industrial and manufacturing premises, hotels and leisure facilities, hospitals, retail developments, sporting facilities and education and research facilities.

Our business is worried that the changes to plumbing licensing could lead to the water service being contaminated due to incorrect installations.

The John R Keith Group always installs water meters or sub-water meters as part of our schedule of works for a project. Our business employs close to 100 people to ensure quality work for our clients. Our concerns about the changes are that they will add an additional complication to the already complex tender process and delay the program of work on site. Further, we believe that these changes will lead to unlicensed persons undertaking further work. This is not a desirable outcome for the people of Queensland. My clients enjoy the great faith that our work is being undertaken by quality tradespeople and this move will undermine this faith by lowering the standards of the people working on our plumbing infrastructure.

We undertake work through Brisbane as well as the South West and Wide Bay Burnett regions. John R Keith has built a reputation of quality work all of which is connected through water meters. If the quality of the installation of this connection point is decreased in anyway this will impact greatly upon our business.

Yours sincerely,

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