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LICENSED WATER, SEWERAGE & GAS INSTALLATIONS - MAINTENANCE

The Research Director,
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
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Dear Committee,

I am writing to make a submission to the Committee on the proposed amendments to Queensland's plumbing licensing laws.

Beavis and Bartels is a Queensland business. We employ close to 50 people, including tradespersons and apprentices. We undertake plumbing work on major construction projects across Queensland. Currently we believe that the legislation is not clear about its application. Particularly in relation to which water meters will continue to require a licence. Industry and water service would benefit from clarification as well as regular audit action on this matter by the Plumbing Industry Council.

We are concerned that laws may be amended to allow a person below a Certificate 3 plumbing qualification to install any type of water meters. This qualification teaches a graduate to understand what codes and standards they are required to comply with. It also teaches them how to understand 'safety in design' requirements for projects, buildings or jobs.

We hold concerns that parts of the installation of a new building will not be installed by a licensed plumber and therefore we hold apprehensions about the compliance of work done by a person who does not have an appropriate qualification. This lack of compliance can lead to harmful elements entering the water which people use to wash and drink as well as a decrease in the public confidence in our industry.

The Queensland plumbing industry works hard to provide quality services and we take our obligations to the community very seriously. We believe that the community would be concerned if they were aware that a non-plumber was connecting their plumbing into the water mains.

I encourage you to take the time to consider the impact of these changes on not only the plumbing industry but also the Queensland community.

Kind regards

Michael Ryan
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