

The Research Director,  
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To the Research Director,

PHP Contractors is making a submission regarding changes that would let unlicensed persons install water meters.

PHP Contractors was formed in 2002 and is a commercial and civil plumbing firm that provides quality workmanship and service to commercial and domestic customers in Queensland, including the Brisbane, Moreton, Central West, Mackay, Far North and Northern Queensland areas. We employ a team that is over 200 people strong and comprises of outstanding tradesmen, apprentices and office administrators.

PHP Contractors frequently tenders and installs water meters. We believe that decreasing the qualification requirements or removing them altogether will expose the installation of water meters to potential damage. It is very important that we raise our concerns that sub-standard work will lead to the contamination of the potable water supply. Such work can lead to poisonous or other unfriendly chemicals entering water used for everyday consumption.

PHP Contractors considers that the minimum qualification for this work is a cert. 3 that provides a tradesman with the understanding not only how to undertake a particular plumbing installation but also its impact on the broader plumbing infrastructure, the potable water supply and the larger project that the job might be a part of.

We at PHP consider that the legislation does not clearly outline that sub-meter installations will still be required to be undertaken by a person holding a licence. While we would like to strongly state that we do not support the installation of water meters by unlicensed tradespeople it would be an even worse scenario if this uncertainty was to remain and we request that it is clarified in legislation.

Yours sincerely,  
**PHP Contractors Pty Ltd**



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