

Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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To the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee,

I am the Chair of the Consultative Committee for Work-Related Fatalities and Serious Incidents (also known as the *Consultative Committee*(Committee)) established under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*. More information about the committee is available here: [Consultative Committee for Work-Related Fatalities and Serious Incidents | WorkSafe.qld.gov.au](https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/consultative-committee-for-work-related-fatalities-and-serious-incidents)

The committee provides advice and recommendations to Minister Bleijie about the information and support needs of people impacted by work-related deaths, serious incidents, and illness. We are passionate about strengthening the support needs of families through the very difficult days, months, and years following the death of a family member or a family member sustaining a serious injury or illness.

I am writing this submission on behalf of the committee in support the Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Bill).

As a Committee, we firmly believe that the proposed amendments outlined in this Bill, specifically to the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* and *Electrical Safety Regulation 2014* are integral to advancing electrical safety in Queensland.

In particular, the amendments to:

- confirm that electricity entities can continue to give electrical equipment defect notices, by providing a clearly defined and limited power to prescribe this ability under the ES Regulation.
- empower the regulator (Electrical Safety Office) to give unsafe equipment directions to prohibit the sale, installation and use of unsafe electrical equipment under the ES Act, by elevating the regulator's existing prohibition power for unsafe electrical equipment from the ES Regulation to the ES Act, and
- clarify the operation of unsafe equipment directions.

As a Committee of lived experienced members, we acknowledge a committee member who lost a family member under circumstances that may have been avoided if amendments such as these were in effect. As a result, we strongly believe the adoptions of these amendments is important to improve the safety of all Queenslanders in workplaces and in their own homes.

Further, our committee knows first-hand that behind every work-related fatality or serious incident lies a profound human cost. Families and lives are irreversibly changed in an instant by the loss of a loved one or serious injury or illness. This reality drives the Committee's unwavering advocacy for legislative reforms to strengthen safety for workers and the broader Queensland community.

If you have any queries in relation to the committee submission, please do not hesitate to contact myself on [REDACTED], or secretariat Virginia Richardson [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully,



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