

Queensland Building and Construction Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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**Submission to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2025**

Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) welcomes the Queensland Government's introduction of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025. We support the bill's objective of increasing efficiency and improving customer experience by enabling the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) to deliver more services digitally.

While we support the broader move towards digital service delivery, we strongly recommend that the option to retain a physical licence card be preserved. This flexibility is vital for practitioners in the fire protection industry who operate in a wide range of environments, some of which do not permit the use of mobile phones or digital devices.

For example, members have reported that correctional centres and certain hospital settings prohibit phone use, making it impossible to present a digital licence on-site. These operational constraints must be taken into account to ensure licence-holders are not penalised for being unable to present a digital credential in restricted environments.

Additionally, we seek clarification of the requirement for updating photographs on digital licences. Certainty around the frequency and conditions for photo updates would assist our members in maintaining compliance and avoiding unnecessary administrative burden.

FPA Australia appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this important legislation and look forward to our ongoing collaboration with the Queensland Government.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Collie', is positioned below the printed name and title.