Queensland Building and Construction Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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To whom it may concern,

CCF QLD Submission: Inquiry into Queensland Building and Construction Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

The Civil Contractors Federation Queensland Limited (CCF QLD) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Queensland Building and Construction Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

As the peak industry body representing the civil construction sector in Queensland, CCF QLD supports reforms that reduce regulatory duplication, enhance operational efficiency, and improve service delivery for industry participants. Civil contractors in our industry, where required, are either licensed to do building work or engage appropriately licensed building contractors for building work on their projects. We make the following comments in support of the Bill's stated objectives:

1. Streamlining Workplace Safety Notifications

CCF QLD strongly supports the proposed amendments to streamline safety notifications by removing the obligation for QBCC licensees to separately notify the QBCC of safety matters already required to be reported under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 or the Electrical Safety Act 2002. For civil construction contractors, who are already subject to strict reporting obligations under WHS legislation, this reform represents a sensible reduction in administrative burden. Eliminating duplicative

notification requirements will reduce confusion, minimise paperwork, and allow businesses to focus their resources on active risk management rather than regulatory compliance processes.

We particularly support the move to allow regulators to share information regarding serious safety matters directly with the QBCC. This change acknowledges the existing role and authority of WHS regulators and provides a more coordinated and effective framework for incident response and industry oversight.

2. Digital Service Delivery and Efficiency

CCF QLD supports the QBCC's shift toward more modern and digital service delivery, including:

• Removal of the requirement to issue hard copy licence cards

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Introduction of digital document service pathways .

Civil contractors, especially those operating across regional and remote Queensland, will benefit from streamlined digital access to QBCC services. We believe these amendments will improve efficiency, enhance the customer experience, and support the broader goal of digitising construction industry regulatory functions.

3. Regulatory Alignment and Practical Implementation

We encourage the Department to ensure that any information-sharing arrangements between the WHS Regulator and QBCC are implemented in a way that is practical, timely, and does not lead to additional compliance burdens being inadvertently placed on licensees. Clear communication with industry and appropriate transitional arrangements will be essential to the successful rollout of these reforms.

Conclusion

In summary, CCF QLD supports the intent of the Bill and its focus on:

- Reducing duplication in safety reporting requirements .
- Embracing digital transformation for regulatory processes
- Enhancing coordination between regulatory bodies

We welcome these changes as a positive step forward for Queensland's building and civil construction industry and thank the Committee for the opportunity to contribute.

Yours sincerely,

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