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Via EMAIL: [thgc@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:thgc@parliament.qld.gov.au)  
Transport Housing and Local Government Committee.

RE: Inquiry into the operations of QBSA.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

My primary issue is with licensing which has, I believe a flow on effect related to all of the sample cases which I have perused.  
These cases are of complaints against disreputable builders and lack of process by QBSA.

**MY ISSUE and SUGGESTIONS:**

- I hold a current LOW RISE BUILDERS licence which was regraded from a HOUSE BUILDER licence, this eliminated a critical portion of the substituted licence THREE FLOOR WALK UP [six pack units] for what appears to be, NONE USE.  
This dissection of the previous government has had a profound effect on my self funded superannuation portfolio and has impacted on my work environment. I hold building sites in my self fund retirement package which I can no longer develop despite the fact that I hold trade certificates in three building trade disciplines and have participated in the building industry for fifty years.
- The solution at this point to regain the ability to build units would be to attend an institution of further learning for more years than I would like to ponder this process does not take into consideration prior learning an accepted practice in the education system and experience acquired in a hands on role in the construction industry.
- I am at total dismay why an application existing in one licence would not be included in the replacement licence or by holding a licence which covered a precise application that the licensee would not be entitled to the new licence covering that application.

- The restrictive process of the previous government has the affect of pushing out of the building industry the mature age workers who find it difficult enough to maintain a stable work environment.  
The retention of a stable, experience and knowledgeable mature individuals should be encouraged at all opportunities and will impact in positive ways on the younger construction workers.  
What you have now is diploma or certificate holding Builders, inspectors and certifiers with little or no hands on experience in the building industry.
- I would hope with this opportunity of review that a mechanism would be put in place to make it easier for experience hands on construction workers to progress to all building licence classes.  
This action would inturn encourage the mature age workers to stay in the industry which so desperately needs them.
- I would like to be able under the renewed system to apply for a medium rise or open builders licence under much less restrictive guide lines and receive what was taken away from me, the ability to build my own unit development
- PLEASE NOTE: documentation of my challengers to QBSA and correspondence to and replies from a number of PARLIMENTARY MEMBERS will be made available on request.

Yours sincerely,



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