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The Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee

Dear Sirs/Mesdames

QUEENSLAND BUILDING SERVICES AUTHORITY ENQUIRY

We write to submit the difficulties and complications we have experienced with the QBSA for many years. Namely:

1. That on 25 July 2006 until August 2011 the QBSA licensing manager (██████████) deliberately created a fictitious law (ie that the backfilling of tanks was a licensed activity) and then had the QBSA enforce this fictitious law with fines and licensing fees.
2. I have also personally been the victim of gross bullying by the staff of the QBSA through them insisting that I, David Archer specifically (not the rest of the building industry) required a full builder's licence to carry out my work.
3. The licensing manager (██████████) gave my company illegal directions in that he instructed me to only barricade the open excavations created through my work. He also made it illegal for me to engage another company or direct the home owner to make the job safe, claiming that we would be co-ordinating a licensed trade (when in fact, backfilling is not and has never been licensed work).
4. Our company is the victim of gross incompetence by the QBSA's legal and investigative staff through their failure to understand their own licensing information statements which clearly showed that the connection of the tanks was the only licensed part of the work I carry out.
5. Our company is the victim of the QBSA licensing manager's gross incompetence in that his sworn affidavit used to illicit a fine in court clearly showed our innocence.
6. Our company is the victim of bullying through the QBSA's refusal to have anyone investigate our complaint against it other than by the same licensing manager (██████████).
7. We have been lied to, in writing, by the QBSA's general manager (██████████) through him promising us his own review of our case in December 2011, which he has never done,

and by repeatedly promising and assuring the Minister that we would be given an independent person to review our case. He then engaged a Barrister who is not independent.

8. We have suffered huge financial, emotional and professional damage as a direct result of the QBSA's incompetence and bullying, which is still on-going today.
9. In our dealings with the QBSA they repeatedly refer to us as "the offender" and we have never been entitled to any presumption of innocence in all three cases brought against us, despite the fact that we went to court on two of those occasions and were found innocent.

The entire Queensland wastewater treatment industry has been directly and adversely affected by the deliberate actions of the QBSA's licensing manager, resulting in job losses, financial hardship and company closures.

We have documentation to support the above statements and would welcome the opportunity to present them to the committee.

Regards

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