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Ms Kate McGuckin
Research Director
Transport, Housing & Local Government Committee
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Dear Ms McGuckin

Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the new process proposed for applications to build over or near a sewer, water main or storm drains.

Master Builders is the peak body for housing and construction in Queensland representing the interest of around 9,000 building-related businesses across the State.

Master Builders strongly supports the new process which removes the requirement to obtain consent from a service provider and the need to lodge a development application under a local government planning scheme.

Furthermore, through associated regulatory amendments, for example, the introduction of a new mandatory part to the Queensland Development Code (QDC MP 1.4) the process provides greater certainty and consistency by providing for assessment against consistent, state-wide standards as opposed to individual local government planning schemes or service providers' technical documents.

Master Builders also supports the Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committees (BDDRC) under QDC MP 1.4 in providing a quick and effective dispute resolution service for matters concerning building development applications.

Overall the new process will deliver greater certainty and consistency and these efficiency gains will reduce delays and costs for the building industry.

Should you wish to discuss the details of our submission, please contact Paul Bidwell, Director – Housing Policy on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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