



13 June 2014

Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee  
Parliament House  
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BRISBANE QLD 4000  
By email: thlgc@parliament.qld.gov.au

**Re: Professional Engineers and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (Bill)**

Master Builders is the peak industry association for the building and construction industry in Queensland, representing more than 8,000 building related businesses across the state. Master Builders' interest in the legislation relates specifically to the proposed changes to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission's rules around excluding an individual and the proposal to internally review QBCC decisions (clauses 60 and 64 respectively).

Clause 60 - Master Builders supports the amendment as it fixes a flaw with the current provisions that prevent a person associated with a failed company, who is the company's nominee supervisor, from holding a QBCC contractor or nominee supervisor licence. Currently the contractor is taken to have been involved in two insolvency events and therefore faces life exclusion. This is unfair as practically there has only been one insolvency event.

There are many factors that can affect the performance of a business, particularly its financial viability. Master Builders believes the proposed amendments take into account the various business models that operate within building industry and make allowance for the interrelationships formed within these business both at the business and personal level.

Clause 64 - Master Builders strongly support the concept of an internal review process.

Master Builders believe the introduction of the QBCC's internal review process will deliver a more transparent, timely and cost effective process for dealing with appeals. It will help the parties to the dispute with a much smoother transition to the Tribunal (if needed).

Master Builders would be delighted to participate in any further consultation process in relation to these matters.

Yours sincerely

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