

The Research Director
Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

16 June 2014

Building and Construction Industry Payments Bill 2014

Dear Research Director of the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee,

I am writing to you regarding the Building and Construction Industry Payments Bill 2014. The Australian Institute of Building (AIB) supports this amendment bill in its entirety, and there is no part of the bill that we believe needs to be altered or corrected. We believe that this amendment bill advances the building and construction industry in Queensland.

AIB supports the Queensland Government's changes to resolving payment disputes in the Queensland construction industry. As part of its consultation process, the Queensland Government has listened to key stakeholders and changed the way adjudicators are appointed and the timeframes for responding to large and complex claims. The AIB welcomes these and other changes to the legislation for resolving payment disputes in the construction industry in Queensland.

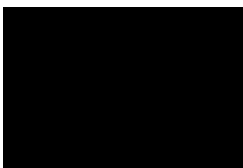
With the Queensland Building and Construction Commission taking on the role of registering adjudicators and appointing them to cases based on their skills, knowledge and experience, this will provide a fairer and more transparent system where conflicts of interest are minimised.

Further, recognising the difference between large or complex claims and the smaller more straightforward ones by offering different timeframes for responding, will mean construction managers will have less concern about 'ambush claims', and provide more equity for all parties.

AIB looks forward to working with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission and the Department of Housing and Public Works to further the aims of maintaining the high standards in building and construction, and we are available for further consultation if required.

Please contact the AIB CEO Robert Hunt on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED] or myself if you wish to discuss further or organise a meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Jeff Palmer
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