

Chairperson

Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the *Queensland Building and Construction and Commission and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014*.

Services Trades Queensland (STQ) is the leading industry representative organisation for the commercial plumbing, fire protection and mechanical services (air-conditioning) trades in the Queensland construction industry. STQ brings together all the major stakeholders in these trades to enhance the overall productivity of our sector; which is worth over \$2.6 billion to the Queensland economy and employs over 36,500 people.

To date we have found the creation of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) as well as the implementation of its duties encouraging. Recent advances such as access to a 24 hour hotline, a streamlined website as well as a fresh and professional approach to industry consultation have been welcomed. The ambitions surrounding continuous professional development would be another positive step forward for our industry.

STQ were strong supporters of the Plumbing Industry Council as well as its industry focused set-up which ensured industry relevance and responsiveness and we hope that this approach be maintained through the QBCC. We support the compliance activities of the QBCC as they will help ensure that current high standards are maintained to the benefit of Queenslanders' health and safety whilst maintaining natural justice.

We further support the measure that will allow a contractor to elect to renew their licence for a period of either 1 or 3 years.

For any further information please contact myself via [REDACTED] or on 3277 4963.

Kind regards



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