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The Master Plumbers' Association of Queensland is the peak industry body representing plumbing contractors throughout Queensland, from sole operators to medium sized businesses and large contracting firms. We represent over 1050 companies across Queensland, which equates to around 3,800 plumbing professionals.

As well as being the collective voice for the plumbing industry, the Association offers its members a full range of professional services, from employment and workplace relations assistance to technical advice and training. These services assist plumbers to establish and maintain their businesses and plan for the future. Effective plumbing services are critical to maintain and enhance community health and safety and protect the environment. Our members are at the forefront of this essential service industry and we provide support to ensure the ongoing viability of their businesses.

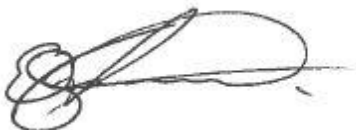
MPAQ has been involved with the review of the plumbing and drainage legislation from the projects onset. Below are points that should be reviewed from the Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2018:

Section	Notes
6	<p>Changing "Compliance Assessable Work" to "Permit Work" serves no real purpose. Compliance assessable is a term readily used and understood by industry. This change will unduly confuse industry without measurable beneficial outcome.</p> <p>All references throughout the document should revert to "compliance assessable".</p>
12	<p>The introduction of a license/identification for apprentices has been discussed for many years with great support. Now is the perfect time to implement this.</p>

13 (1)	Add "drainer" "The holder of a plumber and drainers license"
14 (a)	Adding the requirement for a trainee to be an apprentice as is the required qualification pathway will enable enforcement of correct skill pathways and eliminate unscrupulous RTO's providing "quick" courses / RPL of unqualified persons.
15	As per 14 (a)
16	As per 14 (a) – Would it not be better to clearly state the apprenticeship pathway to obtain a license?
22	Include (f) Photograph of licensee. (g) Endorsements held by the licensee
57 (1) (2)	Could these two sub clauses not be combined?
58 (3)	Move "authorised person" & "prescribed water meter" definitions to the dictionary.
59 (3)	Where is the guideline?
61 (1)	Level of supervision not defined.
64 (2)	Include "approves" – "A person who prepares or approves". The plan approval process should hold some bearing and responsibility.
74	Remove "toilet" as a toilet/WC is a "Soil fixture"
83 (3)	Why 20 days?
196	Mechanical services occupational licence – section 30D(1) (2) do not exist.
Schedule 1	Water service – This definition is not correct – (a), (d) and (e) should be removed.

We would welcome any opportunity to discuss our submission with you further, please contact us on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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