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Committee Secretary
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Moreton Bay Regional Council Submission - Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017

Moreton Bay Regional Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the Public Works and Utilities Committee on the State Governments proposed Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017 (the Bill).

Council acknowledges that the key objectives of the Bill are to:

- *'establish a contemporary, streamlined and flexible legislative framework for plumbing and drainage that is clear and simple for the end user; will ensure both public health and the environment are protected; and will meet industry and community expectations over the next decade*
- *provide authority for the making of a contemporary plumbing regulation that will be clear and easy for practitioners to use; reduce the regulatory burden on consumers, industry and local government; and include improved regulatory requirements for obtaining approvals for plumbing and drainage work*
- *provide authority for the making of a contemporary plumbing code that will include all plumbing standards required to vary and complement national plumbing standards*
protect public health and safety through the regulation of mechanical services work, including medical gas work, under the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991'

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is represented on the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Services Trades Council by Mr Bradley Hodgkinson from Moreton Bay Regional Council. Mr Hodgkinson has reviewed the Bill in consultation with the LGAQ.

Council supports the LGAQ submissions in that there are a number of unresolved issues within the Bill that are likely to impact its operation in the local government context:-

- the use of the terms 'inspection certificate' / 'final inspection certificate' (clause 69)
- the lack of regulatory support for local government to monitor on-site sewage facilities that are not for testing purposes (clause 136)
- the inclusion of the new definition for 'water service' (schedule 1).

If you require any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact Mr Bradley Hodgkinson, Coordinator Plumbing Services directly via

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Yours sincerely



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