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Committee Secretary
Transport and Public Works Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames

**INQUIRY INTO BUILDING INDUSTRY FAIRNESS (SECURITY OF PAYMENT) AND OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

I am pleased to provide a submission for consideration in the above inquiry.

Our company is a Gympie-based manufacturing firm, in business since 2007. We employ over 30 local staff and provide manufacturing and fabrication for the resource and construction industries.

In late 2019, we completed work on a project for RI-CON Contractors Pty Ltd for the delivery of amenities improvements at Peregrin Beach with Noosa Council as the client. We completed further works for RI-CON Contractors Pty Ltd for a private client.

In January 2020, we were made aware of the voluntary liquidation of the company. Our outstanding receivables for this client total \$58,427.63.

All works were completed under Master Builders Queensland Subcontract Agreement terms with approved variations. In-house, our workshop worked through the Christmas period to fulfill the contract under tight time frames for the client, RI-CON Contractors Pty Ltd.

Our company has since lodged Proof of Debt with Worrells who are the appointed administrator and received independent legal advice regarding our rights to Subcontractor Charge.

However, the process of recovery is slow and the outstanding debt has left a hole in our cashflow during a traditionally quiet time in our industry which has been difficult to overcome. Despite operating under the appropriate guidelines with regard to contracting, varying and delivering the work, there is no protection offered by QBCC for this type of commercial construction.

I welcome your contact should you have any queries or if I can provide any further information that may assist the Committee.

Yours sincerely


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