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To: [Transport and Public Works Committee](#)
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Subject: RE: Submissions on the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find my submission in green.

- implement the government's response to the Building Industry Fairness Reforms Implementation and Evaluation Panel, which includes amendments to:
 - streamline the current account structure (requiring one project trust account for each project and one retention trust for each contractor); and *Okay*
 - replace the disputed funds account with new protections, including a new offence of failing to pay a scheduled amount by the due date, and the ability to issue a payment withholding request or register a charge on property; *My Construction firm pays hundreds of Payment Certificates each month. We rarely miss one. How do we not get penalised when something is missed or over looked until corrected?*
- implement the legislative aspects of the government's response to the Special Joint Taskforce on fraudulent behaviour leading to subcontractor non-payment, including amendments to:
 - require head contractors to declare that all subcontractors have been paid, with penalties for providing false or misleading declarations; and *Okay I like this one. Should help remove the fraudulent operators faster.*
 - create a new offence for licensees who give a third party with false or misleading MFR information; *Love it.*
- strengthen the building certification processes in Queensland, in accordance with the national Building Confidence Report; and *Unable to provide a position I have not seen the Report. If you send the Report to me I will vet it.*
- provide strong penalties to ensure compliance with the MFR. *Love it, need more of it.*

I have written the following information to the six Members of Parliament I have met and spoken with in the last 18 months as I have concerns with these issues;

The changes I would like to see in the BIF Act Chapter Two PBA's are;

1. *Minimum required payment to be made from PBA to be \$3,300 incl GST*
2. *PBA minimum Subcontract Agreement Value to be \$20,000 excl GST*

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my position and ideas. I am in Cairns so it is not readily possible to attend Meetings in Brisbane.

Regards, Richard Field BAppSc(Const Mgt) FAIB Director



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