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Transport and Resources Committee  
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Dear Committee Secretary

## Re: Inquiry into Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

The Master Plumbers' Association of Queensland (MPAQ) wishes to provide feedback to the committee regarding the Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

MPAQ widely supports the proposed amendments and would like to suggest a clarification of Plumbing and Drainage work under the Queensland Building and Construction Commission legislation similar to Fire and Mechanical.

One of the main reasons for the absence of disease outbreaks such as Cholera or Typhoid etc. in our communities is directly linked to plumbing and drainage. Without adequate protection of the water supply and the removal of wastes, disease and illness pose significant risks.

Currently under the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Regulation 2018, various licensees are able to perform plumbing and drainage work without holding a plumbing and drainage contractor's license (i.e. plumber employed by builder).

As an example, Part 5 Builder Medium rise license S2 (3) allows for the builder to perform "non-structural" work except for exclusions noted under S5 (c)

*(5) However, the scope of work does not include—*

*(c) for building work mentioned in subsection (3)—directly or indirectly causing the work to be carried out or providing building work services for the work if—*

*(i) a fire protection licence or mechanical services licence is required for the work; and*

*(ii) the work is—*

*(a) for Type A construction on classes 4 to 9 buildings; or*

*(b) to more than 3 storeys*

MPAQ believes plumbing and drainage work should be included under these exceptions.

In addition, these types of clauses appear to allow a licensed builder to directly employ an occupationally licensed plumber or drainer and continue to contract solely under the builder's



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contractor license. We believe this may contravene S57 of the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018 and should be rectified immediately.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these identified issues.

If you require further information, please call [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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