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Transport and Resources Committee
Queensland Parliament
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Dear Chair,

We write to support the 'Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022' and the amendments contained within it. These changes have been the subject of extensive consultation with the broader building, construction and civil industry's and will have a positive impact on our sectors within the Queensland economy.

Ban the Banners Provisions

As an industry we support the use of solar power, particularly in relation to hot water systems. We understand the real economic disadvantage of a system that is not optimally located. This is a logical amendment to support the interpretation of a policy that has been in place for some time, in Queensland, and has been received well by the community.

Expansion of greywater in HVAC

Innovation and technology are advancing at a rapid pace. Due to this it is necessary for our regulatory framework to keep pace with this change. We consider the amendments proposed to be sensible and responsive to proven technological changes. We further consider that there is scope for additional reform in this area, for example in relation to gas.

Holding tanks for sewage and greywater

This is a practical amendment that will enable sensible practices to occur. It is important to note that this should be work undertaken by a licensed person and educational information to this effect should be provided to a person upon approval of their permit.

Regulatory reforms

We support the amendments proposed. It is a source of frustration to Professionals doing the right thing and informing the Regulator of unlicensed or non-compliant work that they are not able to find out the result of their action. This discourages professionals from undertaking positive action in the future to support our best practice licensing and regulations.

Further, we support the premise that a license is required to contract for work to appropriately protect Queenslanders. Amendments included in the Bill that further



strengthen this are commended. On this matter, we further support the ability of the Regulator to take quick action against individuals to remove their licenses in certain circumstances, which is also sensible.

Other matters

Finally, we support the minor and often technical amendments included within the Bill. For example, the information sharing provisions are welcomed and we encourage further information sharing between Government entities to enhance efficiency and lessen any administrative burden experienced by industry.

Should you require any additional information please contact via MPAQ 07 [REDACTED], NFIA [REDACTED], PPTU 07 [REDACTED].

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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