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**Construction Productivity Inquiry – Stakeholder feedback on interim report**

1. Keith McKenzie is my name, and I am the Commissioner for Electrical Safety in Queensland. The appointment of the Commissioner for Electrical Safety is outlined in section 68 of the Electrical Safety Act 2002. (the Act)
2. With respect to Recommendation 18 and 20 of the interim report – Review of Occupational licensing I make the following points.
3. Electrical Contractors Licences and Electrical Workers licences are issued by the Regulator who by the powers of Delegation it is the Electrical Safety Office in accordance with the Electrical Safety Act.
4. There are currently 65,000 electrical worker licenses in Qld and 13,000 Electrical Contractor licences.
5. Schedule 1 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 allows for a specific Australian / New Zealand electrical work licence holders to work in Queensland without a requirement to notify the Regulator. These are recognised under Queensland's external equivalency arrangements.
6. Under the Electrical Safety Act section 87 - There is the establishment of the electrical licensing Committee.
7. Section 88 (1) of the Electrical Safety Act deals with the appointment of the Committee members by the Minister.
8. The functions of the Committee are as outlined in section 88 of the Act
  - (a) to give advice and make recommendations to the board about electrical licences and training; and
  - (b) to take necessary disciplinary action against holders of electrical licences and against previous holders of electrical contractor licences; and
  - (c) to review decisions of the regulator about electrical licences; and
  - (d) any other function given to the committee under the Act.
9. The purpose of the Electrical Safety Act is directed at eliminating the human cost to individuals, families and the community of death, injury and destruction that can be caused by electricity.

10. To be extremely clear, the review of any occupational licences should exclude those electrical licenses required under the Electrical Safety Act.

11. I can make myself available to speak further to you about this submission should you feel it valuable.

Please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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