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Review of Queensland's Electrical Safety Act
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Review of Queensland's Electrical Safety Act 2002: Response to Discussion Paper and Final report

This submission is provided in response to both the Discussion Paper and the Final Report of the Review of Queensland's *Electrical Safety Act 2002*.

In relation to the Discussion Paper, Master Builders submits the Queensland Government must ensure a sufficient supply of qualified, licensed electrical workers for the existing pipeline of construction projects in Queensland, including renewables, government capital works, Olympics infrastructure and housing.

Accordingly, we urge government to carefully consider the current and future needs for licensed electrical workers in Queensland before proceeding with any expansion of the definition of 'electrical work' or increase in supervision requirements. A shortage of qualified and licensed electrical workers will jeopardise the delivery of Queensland construction projects.

In relation to the Final Report, Master Builders notes the reference to the WHSQ funding model via a levy. It is not clear whether a potential levy on industry to contribute to the electrical safety regime could apply to building projects.

In the event this was a potential consideration, Master Builders submits there should not be any further levy on building projects. Any levy would be an additional cost on new construction, further challenging the viability of construction projects. In particular, there should not be any additional levy on build contracts for residential projects as this will drive up the cost of Queensland homes at a time when housing affordability is in crisis.

Yours Sincerely

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