

# Tasmanian Building Regulatory Framework Review Response Paper

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The Director of Building Control seeks your feedback on the following draft Bills as part of the Tasmanian Building Regulatory Framework Review:

- Building Bill 2016
- Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2016

When providing feedback, please identify in the attached table the clause of the Bill to which you are referring.

## Please complete your details:

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**\*\*Please note, our only comments are in regards to the Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2016 and are detailed on page six of this response paper**

# Building Bill 2016

This Bill introduces a new approach to the building and plumbing approval process, where we consider the risk involved in a project.

High risk projects such as multi-storey buildings, building in hazardous areas or non-standard designs will still need a permit, but medium risk projects can be undertaken by a licensed builder with approval granted by a building surveyor.

If the project is considered to be low risk, for example building a small shed or car port, then a licensed builder can do the work without first seeking a permit.

This will significantly reduce the time and cost to gain approval for many small building and plumbing projects.

## Do you support this risk-based approach to building approvals?

YES       NO

## Do you think we've placed types of building work in the right categories?

YES       NO

Provide details:

No comment

## Do you think we've placed types of plumbing work in the right categories ?

YES       NO

Provide details:

No comment

**Please list your specific comments on the Building Bill here, or attach additional pages.**

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**Any other comments on the Building Bill:**

No comment

# Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2016

Page	Clause e.g. s36(1)	Comments

## **Any other comments on the Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill:**

### Continuing Professional Development

While we understand that Continuing Professional Development is not strictly a part of the current amendments of the Occupational Licensing Act, we would like to make brief comment on this issue.

MEA has long advocated for CPD to be introduced as a criteria for the renewal of an electrical licence and wish to congratulate the Tasmanian Government on taking this important step in the interests of electrical safety.

CPD is an essential and integral component to managing consumer risk across our industry. It offers Licensees who have general competence the means to respond to changes in practice and legislation, update to standards and codes, enhancing their knowledge and skills to benefit their work practices. It is particularly important for those working in our industry who must have the most up-to-date skills and knowledge in order to manage the risks of working with the inherent dangers of electricity.

In order to ensure the intent of the legislative provisions are met it is imperative that industry bodies are involved in the development and implementation of the CPD program. We anticipate the program will be rolled out as a priority to ensure the standards of the electrical industry in Tasmania are not compromised.