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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Electrical Contractors Association (ECA) is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the *Guardianship and Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012*.

The **Electrical Contractors Association** (ECA) is the leading voice of the electrical industry and is committed to improving and advancing this sector. ECA is registered as an industrial organisation under Queensland legislation with its operation in Queensland. The association's website is: <http://www.masterelectricians.com.au/page/ECA/>.

**Master Electricians Australia** Ltd (MEA) is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a national accreditation program to electrical contractors seeking to differentiate themselves from other contractors - similar to that process adopted by Master Builders within the construction industry. MEA is part of the ECA Group of Companies and operates nationally. The organisation's website is: <http://www.masterelectricians.com.au>.

References to the ECA and opinions expressed by the ECA, within this submission, should be read as both the Electrical Contractors Association and Master Electricians Australia.

The ECA supports the government's move to improve efficiency and accountability in the systems and practices of government. We are optimistic that the proposed changes to the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* contained in the *Guardianship and Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* will be a positive step forward in this regard. The ECA is also confident that the proposed amendments to the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* will not reduce the inspectorate's capacity to respond to incidents and complaints nor in any other way compromise the electrical safety of electrical workers or the wider Queensland public. We anticipate that the resources previously dedicated to maintaining the position of a commissioner and permanent committees can then be utilised to fund activities specifically targeted at maximising electrical safety, such as education, training and public awareness campaigns.

As the peak industry association representing the electrical contracting industry, the ECA would be eager to be involved in any future discussions regarding the Queensland Government's approach to electrical safety.

Kind Regards



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