

Calling all HVACR in QLD!

New Plumbing and Drainage bill submitted to parliament and Parliamentary Committee reviewing. See email below.

Changes from previous draft so far (Will provide further info after I meet with HVACR industry groups tomorrow)

1. Insurance threshold changed from original draft of zero \$\$\$ to \$1,100
2. Appears to be giving plumbing control over RAC trade – enforcement etc
3. Minister de Brenni has requested split systems be excluded from RAC licencing (WE will challenge)
4. Mechanical services – plumbers – to broad a scope of work – must not be able to work on refrigerated equipment as it is all high pressure and must include CO2

Please consider making a submission, the opposition are advising HVACR industry businesses of what is happening, get the word out urgently.

I will be requesting to attend as a witness at a date TBA after the March 12th deadline for submissions.

ARMA will be using our existing submission and adding an additional submission for the committees consideration given changes to the draft bill.

Previous submission and notes from here <https://www.arma.org.au/blog/2017/03/25/qld-licencing-reforms/>

Regards

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TPWC Email
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- Original Part 7 relating to QBCC investigators has been omitted with resulting related amendments
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Submissions

The committee seeks submissions on the Bill from the public and interested stakeholders. An information sheet which provides guidelines to making a submission can be found at: [Guide to making a submission](#). Please ensure your submission meets these requirements.

Submissions should be sent to:

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Committee Secretary
Transport and Public Works Committee
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Other Information

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Transport and Public Works Committee

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