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### **ARMA Secures a Win for QLD's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry!**

The Australian Refrigeration Mechanics Association (ARMA) secured a significant win today while attending the QBCC stakeholders meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. The announcement was very clear from a staff member of the Department of Housing and Public Works, that the MEM30219 Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade training package will be replaced with the previous required MEM30205 (Refrigeration & Air Conditioning) validating ARMA's persistence in the removal of the MEM30219 training package.

ARMA CEO Kim Limburg's insistence in contacting all Qld state politicians and media outlets in recent weeks emphasising ARMA's disdain over inclusion of the MEM 30219 training package as a qualification in the RAC occupational licence has proven to be successful with government moving quickly to ensure a positive outcome for the HVACR industry and consumers.

Furthermore, as a consequence to our push for the MEM30219 training package to be removed, it was submitted to Qld's Training Ombudsman for review, Mrs Limburg states, "We knew without any doubt that the Training Ombudsman would not support this qualification which is in effect is for metal, engineering, manufacturing, machinery and machine tools tradespeople. Even a forklift truck driver and a weaving /knitting mechanic could obtain this qualification and didn't meet the Arctick environmental licence requirements.

Limburg states," This is a significant and huge win for our HVACR industry, and ARMA are very proud to be the only grassroots representative organisation to be involved in ensuring the Qld government and the plumbing industry revert back to its previous suspended training package MEM30205, to ensure only RAC tradespeople obtain the new occupational license.

We thank the Qld government for listening to a real grassroots organisation in the HVACR industry.

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