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To: Policy
Subject: STOP THE DEREGULATION OF TRADE LICENCES

Hi,

I am (along with most people) extremely shocked & concerned with the idea that licencing could be deregulated from certain trade licences, particularly Painting & Decorating. The \$5000 Threshold has already caused enough issues with poor quality and dodgy so called trades people. They are not qualified, unlicensed, uninsured and in most cases deal in cash and wrought the system. I deal with customers who have been wronged by these people and this proposal would make things 1000 times worse for the consumer.

I am both qualified and licensed for myself and my company, i find this proposal highly offensive! and extremely naive to even suggest it. The proposal talks about giving people a fair go in business and thats fine, they can go get there qualification and then there licence and start a business like the rest of us, or do the short cut course. The general public look for and ONLY TRUST licensed tradesman and then recommend them.

Online referrals are 90% fake, another flaw in this ridiculous proposal.

I cant understand the real hidden agenda behind this proposal but it will destroy what good honest qualified Tradesman like myself have built and proud of . Completed my apprenticeship , qualified for my licence and that would all mean nothing if the trade was deregulated. I didnt do all the hard yards for nothing, so that others get a free ride without any regulated industry standards.

This proposal needs to be looked at again with some common sense and REAL WORLD vision, then trashed. Talk to people in the trade doing the right thing, not invite amateurs to discredit and dishonour hard working trade professionals.

Regards,
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