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To: Policy
Subject: Opposed To this proposal.

To Who it may concern.

My Name is Brad Thomas I am an Business owner and Tafe Teacher in the plastering industry with 30 years' experience in the industry.

After just reading the proposal in regards to removal of licensing from our industry I would like to make a few points as to why I think this is a bad idea.

- 1: Removing the license will open the door to unqualified people doing work that will be poor in quality and pose future risks to the consumer.
- 2: Also adding to that the standard and pricing in the trade will diminish making qualified trades harder to run their business due to every tom dick and harry coming along and having a go at plastering. Point in case I went to look at a job this afternoon where cornice had fallen down landing on a curtain rail narrowing missing the elderly couple living there , with the license gone this will become more common and on bigger jobs creating a larger risk to all.
- 3: It is also not fair on young people coming through doing their apprenticeship being trained properly only to find they have to compete with unqualified people running around charging lower rates and no idea what they are doing.
- 4: I believe that this will also fill up the tribunal with a lot more complaints as these unqualified people will be doing work over \$5,000 which will have consumers trying to get the job they paid for there fore more likely to go to the tribunal.
- 5: Lastly I think this a proposal that is trying to flood the market with trades people to keep up with demand , this is fraught with danger as it will lower the standard and put more people at risk.

All in all I hope you will reconsider and stop this from happening , people's lively hood is at risk that so many like myself have worked hard to maintain at a standard.

Regards
Brad Thomas