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To Whom It May Concern

As a current License holder in the Trade of Painting and Decorating I would like to strongly voice my objection to the proposal to remove the need for Painting and Decorating Licenses.

My husband and I have been operating a Painting and Decorating Business since 1970, starting as a sole trader then moving to a partnership and now with our son as a Trust.

Like many small businesses we have had to battle through tough times, we have worked hard to gain the respect of our clients and establish good relations through fair quotes and quality workmanship.

In my opinion it would be detrimental to both the present painting contractors and the public to remove the need for painting licenses.

It would leave the door open for anyone to set up business and claim to be a painter and decorator without the proper training in lead paint issues, asbestos, proper and safe techniques for use of scaffold, spray painting, preparation of surfaces, application of paint and decorative coatings etc., not to mention safety issues with scaffold and ladders. This would not only put the workers at risk but also the public engaging them to carry out work.

I fear that the standard of workmanship would decline and that the quoting field would be uneven as someone doing a quick job here and there would not have the same overheads as a business operating year in year out.

I ask that you reconsider this option and leave the Painting and Decorating licenses as they are.

Yours faithfully

Kim Brady

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