
From: Merv Prendergast
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2018 8:45 AM
To: Policy
Subject: Have your say Building Reforms

Hi,
I think this review is well over due, all aspects of the discussion paper are well thought out and preferred options look great.

Can I bring to your attention a couple of issues,

Licenses

Why can the federal government and the states ask for nationally recognised training but after completing this in any or all trades we need different licenses for each state, I think this needs to be addressed and that its time to stop the us and them attitude and start the process that all licenses are Australia wide.

All licenses should have the option of up to 5 years.

If we are talking about architects why are we not talking about Accredited Certifiers, and yes I know we have a new Act etc but the same rules should apply as above I the options.

CPD Points

Is some one from NSW being Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong, going to look at costs associated with getting the CPD points, if I live in the NSW area as stated before each point can cost on average \$50.00, and can normally be done either Half day morning or afternoon, on most months of the year.

If I live in regional NSW then the costs of the points enlarges with travel, accommodation, loss of income as most times away from office for 2-3 days, where is the level playing field for all.

Contracts

If the preferred options are accepted by Government then what will happen to contracts by licensed trades, if the Owner Builder rises to \$20K then are we going to see licensed builders, licenses now not stating upto \$20K or no HOW, if the Owner Builder amount increases which I agree with then I think that contracts for all works should be part of this process as well and maybe the lifting of the amount for when HOW is required. As for years it was OB at 5K and HOW 20K, then OB 10K HOW still 20K, if the options discussed in the paper are accepted can the HOW amount be looked at especially as young tradies who have passed cert iv course cannot get enough assets to get HOW for some works say upto \$50K, and they need these works so as to start to grow the asset base.

I have had my say and I hope that it helps with some one opening their eyes to what is going on regionally, if you wish to contact me I would be happy for this to happen.

Kind regards

Merv Prendergast
Adavanced Dip Building Surveying and Health, BPB 1792, MAAC,MMBA
PO Box 267, Kootingal NSW 2352

