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**From:** Brian - Excel Tradeworks  
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**To:** Policy  
**Subject:** Consultation Paper feedback

1. Making it easier

- 1.1 Licence periods should most definitely be consistent across all licence categories
- 1.2 That being said, if licences are to have extended renewal terms, there needs to be consideration for knowledge and technology also keeping up to date through the period. For example, what keeps an older licensee in check with current standards and regulatory requirements.
- 1.3 I strongly disagree with increasing the owner builder works above \$10,000. There is already enough dodgy licenced builders in the industry, not considering untrained and unqualified owner builders doing higher value projects for themselves. Building a deck or undertaking a bathroom renovation without the proper training can put not only the homeowner but also the general public or the next purchaser at serious risk of injury or health concerns. Be it from asbestos contamination in bathroom demolition, or poor structural construction.
  - 1.3.1 \$5000
  - 1.3.2 Health and safety of the owner builder, future purchasers and the general public
- 1.4 No comment
- 1.5 No comment
- 1.6 I believe the following categories should still be licenced.
  - 1.6.1 Ducting/ mechanical ventilation – Moisture is one of the key issues in regard to building longevity & health and safety concerns. It needs to be exhausted in an adequate method and I consistently see installation by licenced contractors that do not do the job intended, not considering unlicensed installers
  - 1.6.2 Dry & wet plastering – Licenced contractors understand the consideration for weight, fixing & quality of finish. Without licencing, we will see not only lower quality of workmanship with finishes, but I would expect a higher rate of injury from poor installation practices for ceilings. I strongly urge you to reconsider this trade licence and retain the licence to avoid industry decline.
- 1.7 No comment
- 1.8 No comment
- 1.9 No comment
- 1.10 No comment
- 1.11 No comment
- 1.12 No comment
- 1.13 No comment
- 1.14 No comment
- 1.15 Yes

2. Increasing Transparency

No comment

Kind regards

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