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To whom it may concern;

I have been fully employed in the Building/Construction industry for 42 years commencing as a Carpenter. 15 of those years as a residential builder with the remainder in the commercial construction industry as building foreman then 13 years as Site Manager.

I totally agree with the discussion paper. However, I feel that not much will change. In my experience Project Managers are themselves a big part of the failures within the industry. Project managers are driven by money followed by program and apply resistance to safety with quality or quality documentation being the most least important.

Typically Project Managers will use a lot of tactics to have contractors reduce quotations for projects thus resulting in contractors cutting corners. So I have found that because P.M's are continually chasing cheaper prices the quality of the trades is becoming worse.

For example I recently completed a aged care facility for a reputable tier 2 Builder in Sydney and after a long time expressing my concerns of the quality of trades and with having 50 tradesmen on site ranging from from all building disciplines I personally approached each person and asked for their trade qualification to which there was 2, 1 Electrician and 1 Plumber.

Therefore in my opinion:-

- * T.A.F.E should be free of charge.
- * Training and qualifications for a Project Manager should be to hold a trade certificate.
- * Company Directors should be personally liable for building disputes/defects as is the residential sector.
- * Building Companies should have Quality Assurance systems in place, which are audited by government for compliance

Kind Regards
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