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To: Policy
Subject: Proposed Changes to Builders' Licenses

Dear Assessment Officer,

I thank you for giving the opportunity to Industry Professionals to provide feedback on the suggested changes to the Builders' Licences in NSW. I am personally a member of different industry bodies and currently hold a builder's license too however I do not use that license as I have been working as an employee for commercial building contractors for a long time but at the same time I do not wish to lose my license as it gives me a lot of credentials

The following are my personal feedback and comments which I would appreciate if they were to be considered. They do not represent AW Edwards, the building contractor I work for

- For builders like me, I think the rules of CPD should be made more flexible as it has been so difficult for employees to leave work and hunt for courses, seminars and lectures to collect the 12 CPD points and mostly in a busy industry, I used to fail to attend even after booking for an event and paying for it but often couldn't leave the office due to work commitments
- Ditto for license duration for builders of same category like me rather than doing it on a yearly basis, consider two years or even three years renewal
- I hear a lot from other builders of the agonising changes for home warranty insurance simply because the rules are getting harder due to the mistakes of the shonky builders out there. I think the mechanism should be customised in a way that those shonky builders alone be punished not the whole industry
- There are some minor non-structural work sometimes that clients require, much smaller than renovations and extensions. I support raising the limit on non-licensed work
- I think all building trades related to structural and services work should be licensed.

Thank you

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