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Sent: Monday, 27 August 2018 11:13 AM
To: Policy
Subject: Empowering consumers and small businesses

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to have a say regarding this proposed policy.

My comments are quite specific and are in relation to the "removing 13 categories of home building licenses".

My concern is in the identifying of suitable trades.

Up until now as an example I have employed/contracted people I know by reputation.

Reputations that were built on years of work and learning.

Without a licensing scheme for all trades in the home building process how will I or even worse, anyone without my skill and knowledge be expected to find

suitably qualified trades that I or they also have a comeback on should something go wrong.

How will the system your considering deal with unsuitable trade operators?

Does your office believe that these trades will be suitable candidates for training/employing our future apprentices?

Without going into great details, I agree that having a license for a particular trade does not guarantee the quality of a contractor.

But there has to be a monitored scheme such as what the dept of fair trading has now.

It is a privilege to hold a license and so it must be respected.

It is my belief that there should be higher standards for all trades and there should be recognition for that.

And removing licensing for certain trades will not uphold this standard.

A "self regulation" scheme by way of license removal will allow the cowboys to exist without the comeback.

Furthermore, education of the consumer should be along the lines of only use licensed trades otherwise you take the risk. This should be highlighted in your advertising.

I also believe in the importance of producing more trades through apprenticeships/training.

Our society and education system does currently look down on the trades as a future - so many believe in having to attend university. This is also a problem for another discussion.

I can only encourage your office to seek out ways of trying to fix these problems but not through removing certain licenses.

Again thank you for the opportunity.

Kind regards Rob