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Committee Secretary
Public Works and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Sent via email: pwuc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION: Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017

We refer to your email of 11 October 2017 calling for submissions to the above bill.

The main purposes of the Act are to ensure public health and safety and environmental risks are reduced and to ensure that all work is carried out by competent and qualified persons.

The definition of mechanical services work in the Bill excludes design work that is deemed a professional engineering service under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002*; there can often be confusion around what is or is not considered to be a professional engineering service, and how the various licensing schemes interact.

We note **Subdivision 2 Membership of the Council, Section 107 Appointing members**, page 7 of the Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017.

The compulsory representatives of the Council are quoted below:

- (b) *at least 1 representative of—*
- (i) *the department in which this Act is administered; and*
 - (ii) *the department in which the Further Education and Training Act 2014 is administered;*
and
 - (iii) *the department in which the Public Health Act 2005 is administered; and*
 - (iv) *the Air Conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association of Qld Ltd ABN 45 694 735 802; and*
 - (v) *the Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union, Plumbing Division, Queensland Branch; and*
 - (vi) *the Institute of Plumbing Inspectors Qld Inc ABN 49 313 209 667; and*
 - (vii) *the Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd ACN 142 783 917; and*
 - (viii) *the Master Plumbers Association of Queensland Union of Employers ABN 88 820 301 638; and*
 - (ix) *the National Fire Industry Association Queensland Inc ABN 84 212 294 867;*

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Engineers Australia highly recommends including an appropriately qualified and experienced engineering representative on the Council. An engineering representative would be able to provide guidance on these matters where required and would ensure an understanding of engineering risks are considered.

Engineers Australia is the largest and most diverse body of engineers in Australia. As Australia's principal engineering association we serve and represent around 100,000 professionals at every level, across all fields of practice. We are committed to advancing engineering and the professional development of our members.

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Yours sincerely

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