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**Attention:** Janet Frost

**RE: COMMENTS ON PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION DRAFT REPORT  
REFORM OF BUILDING REGULATION**

I note your requests for comments on the above discussion paper.

A review on this paper has been undertaken and Council does have concerns about the following issues:

- a) Restrictions being placed on Local Government ability to impose controls that reflect local needs. Concern exists that such a position may not allow a Local Government to identify local needs or issues. This has the potential to add unnecessary costs onto either Local Government in having to seek exceptions to vary from the National Standards or the Building Industry of having to meet building standards that are not appropriate to local needs,
- b) Further changes to nationalise the qualification requirements for Building Certifiers. Concern exists that further changes to the qualification requirements for Building Certifiers may restrict the number of new Building Certifiers entering the industry. In Regional Queensland significant difficulties exist to obtain qualified staff to undertake Local Government responsibilities in Building Regulation and any change to impose higher standards or to control the locations where Building Certification Qualifications may be obtained is of grave concern and has the potential to add significantly to building costs in regional areas.

If you require any further clarification on the above comments please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Yours faithfully,

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