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National Competition Policy Review

The Queensland Government is a signatory to the National Competition Policy agreement with the Commonwealth Government to undertake a review of legislation which contains restrictions to competition.

The Building Act 1975, the Sewerage and Water Supply Act 1949 and their subordinate legislation have been identified as containing restrictions and are currently undergoing review.

The focus of the reviews is to assess whether the current restrictions are in the public interest. This means that the costs and benefits of these restrictions need to be examined and a judgement made as to whether there is a net public benefit in maintaining each restriction. In addition, other less restrictive alternative ways of achieving the same ends can be considered.

Economic Insights Pty Ltd have been engaged by the Department to undertake the review and have prepared draft Public Benefit Test reports for discussion purposes.

Please note the reports represent the views of the consultants and not the Queensland Government.

Draft Public Benefit Test reports including Terms of Reference may be obtained by contacting Mr Mike Harris on (07)323 71703. The documents can also be accessed at www.dlgp.qld.gov.au under "What's New".

Written submissions should be sent to:

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Department of Local Government and Planning
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Brisbane Albert Street Qld 4002

The closing date for submissions is Friday, 26 April 2002.