

Plumbing newsflash number 418

Establishment of the Plumbing Industry Council

Purpose

To advise that on 1 March 2010, the Plumbers and Drainers Board (the Board) was replaced with a new Plumbing Industry Council (PIC).

Background

An independent review of Queensland Government boards, committees and statutory bodies, called the Weller Review, was completed in 2009. The review recommended that the Board be abolished. The Queensland Government decided to abolish the Board and create a new Plumbing Industry Council with a simpler appointment and remuneration process and the ability to expand membership as the plumbing industry evolves.

What this means for the plumbing industry

Amendments to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* were passed on 12 November 2009 to abolish the Board and establish the PIC. The new provisions take effect from 1 March 2010.

PIC members are appointed by the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning rather than through a Governor-in-Council process. Remuneration paid to members is in accordance with the fees set by the Queensland Government's Department of Industrial Relations.

The PIC will continue the important work of the former Board in investigating complaints about licensees and unlicensed work. It will also continue to operate as an independent statutory body, working to protect public health and safety through Queensland's plumbing and drainage licensing system. A decision of the former Board will be taken to be the decision of the PIC and a proceeding started by the Board or an appeal against a Board decision may be started or continued by or against the PIC.

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) will continue to support PIC's functions. There will be no changes to services currently provided by DIP. Documentation that refers to the Board will be taken to refer to the new PIC. Future documentation should reference the new PIC. In addition, licence applications that were being considered by the Board prior to 1 March 2010 will be considered by the new PIC.

Members of the PIC are:

Representation	Member	Deputy Member
Chairperson, Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Glen Brumby	Chris Harris
Department in which the <i>Training and Employment Act 2000</i> is administered	Tim Maloney	Deborah Walker
Department that in which the <i>Health Services Act 1991</i> is administered	Dr Greg Jackson	Dr Janet Cumming
Local Government Association of Queensland	Allan Hazell	Bradley Hodgkinson
Master Plumbers Association of Queensland	William Watson	Robert Brouwers
Communications Electrical Plumbing Union, Plumbing Division, Queensland Branch (Deputy Chairperson)	Bradley O'Carroll	Andrew Battersby
Consumers	Carla Scott	Janet Conrad

For further information about the PIC please refer to www.dip.qld.gov.au



Legislation

Building and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2009
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002

Further information

The legislation is available to view online at www.legislation.qld.gov.au

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