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Dear Ms Gilhome

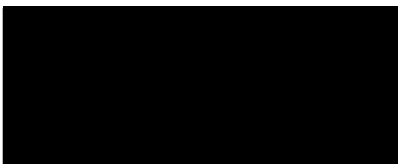
RE: INQUIRY INTO REFORM OF BUSINESS LICENSING IN WA

In response to the draft report 'Inquiry into Reform of Business Licensing in WA' published on 22 October 2018 the Electrical Licensing Board (the ELB) wishes to express the following views:

The ELB does not support the introduction of sunset clauses. Electricity is and continues to be extremely hazardous to both the public and electrical workers. New technology such as large batteries is only increasing the breath of potential hazards and so the need for stringent regulation will not reduce over time.

The ELB also wishes to add that any additional layers of bureaucracy added to oversee the ELB's functions will not provide any added value and would be an unnecessary cost. The accountability of each Licensing Board must be assessed on its own merits, however presently the ELB is responsible to both the Director of Energy Safety and the Minister. It is the belief of the ELB that this is a sufficient and reasonable level supervision.

Yours sincerely



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