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RESPONSE TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO QLEAVE LEVIES



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Building Designers Association of Queensland Response – 29th May 2019

The Building Designers Association of Queensland welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the above-mentioned review.

Our response below provides the Queensland State Government with some key feedback from our part of the industry.

BUILDING DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION OF QLD - CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT RESPONSE

Consideration of the scheme's levy structure

The BDAQ is of the view that "Option 2 – Keep the tiered levy structure" should be adopted. This would bring Queensland back in line with other States of Australia.

Consideration of the exclusion or inclusion of GST in leviable costs

The BDAQ is of the view that re-instating GST in the total project costs should be adopted. This would bring Queensland back in line with other States of Australia.

Consideration of the portable long service leave levy rate

The BDAQ is of the view that the long service leave levy rate should remain as it is. The current rate in conjunction with the project threshold of >\$150k is more than enough.

Dedicated Funding for targeted mental health & suicide prevention strategies

The BDAQ is fully supportive of targeted mental health & suicide prevention strategies however we do not believe that the QLeave Levy should be used to fund this item. It would be preferred if this cost was supplemented by other government revenue streams.



QLEAVE – ELIGIBLE WORKERS

Currently Building Designers are not eligible to access QLeave entitlements. As QBCC Licensed Contractors we are affected by the transient nature of the construction industry and many of our members work in a sub-contractor role. Given the QLeave scheme was developed to assist sub-contractors in the construction industry the Building Designers Association of Queensland would welcome the inclusion of our QBCC licensed contractor members to be included in the scheme.

If an opportunity to discuss this with Government was possible, we would welcome the opportunity.

END OF SUBMISSION

This submission was developed by the Advocacy & Licensing Sub-Committee on behalf of the Building Designers Association of Queensland.

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