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Right. Everyone in this group if you agree with my email to qldbbuildingplan@hpw.qld.gov.au (listed below) feel free to copy, adjust and send it to these shiny ass government pr**ks at the above email address who are trying to KILL our trade. If you do not do this, you are part of the problem.

Hello,

Regarding the proposed mechanical services licensing reforms -

I am a cert 3 refrigeration & airconditioning mechanic. I am self employed. The government, with the implementation of the cert2 airconditioning installation license which allows plumbers, electricians, builders & other ancillary trades to impose on our trade and allow for airconditioning installations has lead to - substandard and dangerous installations, businesses shutting down, deaths from incidents, suicides from financial pressure due to a saturated installation market, also increased refrigerant emissions from leaking connections performed by these other trades.

It is about time the government recognised the cert 3 refrigeration and airconditioning as a specialised trade.

Why?

We are HIGHLY trained specifically on the equipment we are licensed to work on.

The government & other trades trying to intrude on our trade are NOT aware of the many potential DEADLY hazards & risks we recognise and control from our consistent work with this specialised equipment.

There is a danger to the consumer from poor work practices performed by other trades not fully aware of what they are doing, for Eg - a simple thing as shutting off a pipeline containing CO2 refrigerant in large amounts can lead to an explosion/rupture of the pipeline, this could caused severe injury &/or death as well as asphyxiation.

Would a plumber be aware of the MANY hazards and risks associated with fault finding & repairing electrical components in large commercial settings?

Would an electrician realise the potential FIRE/explosion hazard of a unit/vessel containing a FLAMMABLE refrigerant?

Certificate 3 refrigeration & airconditioning mechanics realise these hazards, risks, implement controls and best work practices.

WHY?

We have daily exposure to this equipment

We have had vast experience in all facets of installation and repair

We have completed a FULL 4 year apprenticeship dedicated to this equipment

We have an in depth knowledge and training of the principles of this equipment.

Our point is - The Australian government including the Australian Refrigeration Council are out of touch with what actually happens in the field.

Businesses are dying as a result of this governments actions, contrary to what the Australian Refrigeration Council reports - emissions ARE increasing, this could be easily controlled by recognising the cert3 refrigeration & airconditioning mechanics as a specialised trade.

You wouldn't send a builder to do an electricians job, why would you send anyone else to do ours?.

Its a big NO!! to introducing these new reforms from ALL refrigeration mechanics in Australia