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To Whom it May Concern

REDUCING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON PLUMBERS: MULTI-ENTRY CERTIFICATES

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Master Plumbers and Gasfitters Association of WA (MPGA), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Policy Paper 'Reducing the Administrative Burden on Plumbers: Multi-Entry Certificates' dated March 2016.

The MPGA acknowledges that the administration of these certificates is time consuming and labour intensive however they are valuable to the industry as they deter non-plumbers from conducting minor plumbing works and reinforce the general compliance regime. To add to this, items such as the installation of reflux valves and replacement of drainage lines up to five metres may not be policed, and updating of 'as constructed diagrams' reflecting possible changes may not be captured.

A satisfactory outcome may be to continue to legislate for the compulsory completion of these certificates in an accepted format to be filed at the contractor's business address so that they can be checked and audited during a compliance audit. There would be no need to forward the completed certificates to the Plumbers' Licensing Board.

This is in general agreement with the recommendation highlighted in section four of the policy paper. The MPGA believes that it would be detrimental to the industry if the recording of minor work is removed completely.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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