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Committee Secretary
State Development Infrastructure and Works Committee
Parliament House
Cnr George and Alice Streets
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Committee Secretary

Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to your inquiry into the Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

Our submission is limited to the provisions in the Bill amending the *Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* to omit section 52, which inserts new section 155A into the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

Omission of this section will mean health and safety representatives and WHS entry permit holders will not be entitled to request particular information from the regulator. The explanatory notes suggest they will continue to be entitled to rely on existing mechanisms to access this information.

The provision of relevant information to enable those with health and safety roles to assist workplaces to respond to safety risks is important. It is appropriate, in our view, for the regulator to play a role in sharing information with those officers, with restrictions, to ensure the provision is utilised appropriately and does not cause undue administrative burden.

QLS suggests consideration be given to amending the provision to set parameters around the type of information that can be released, and in what circumstances. For example, the current section does not provide timeframes within which a request can be made, nor does it give guidance to the regulator about the scope of information which should be disclosed.

QLS would welcome further consultation in relation to amendment of section 155A to ensure it facilitates the provision of information sharing appropriately and addresses any gaps in the existing mechanisms in the WHS Act.

In addition to these details being set out in the legislation, guidelines should be developed to assist the regular to comply with its confidentiality and information privacy requirements.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our Legal Policy team via policy@qls.com.au or by phone on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

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President