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How can regulation of building industry professionals be improved?

Appropriate industry regulation is a key part of ensuring safety and security in the building and construction sector. This includes determining appropriate regulation and registration for professional engineers.

This is the key issue being considered by the Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee in a new inquiry. The inquiry will look at the Professional Engineers Registration Bill 2019, which sets out a proposed scheme to register and regulate professional engineers.

"Having the right regulatory environment in the building and construction industry is a key part of ensuring reliability in the sector", said Committee Chair Alex Greenwich MP. "Looking at what kind of registration scheme is most effective in this context is an important step in that process".

"Consultation with the affected stakeholders is necessary when considering what kind of scheme would work best. We want to hear from representatives of the building and construction industries, the legal community, the insurance industry and the financial sector. These directly impacted groups will be able to tell the Committee what best-practice in this area might look like".

The inquiry will look at how professional engineers and other building industry professions are currently regulated and monitored, and consider proposals for reform under the Bill, as well as any other proposals.

"An effective and reliable registration scheme will help improve integrity and confidence in the sector, which is what the community is calling for".

More information, including the inquiry's terms of reference and how to make a submission, is on the Committee's [webpage](#).

The closing date for submissions is 30 January 2020.

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