

**INQUIRY INTO FURTHER INQUIRY INTO THE  
REGULATION OF BUILDING STANDARDS**

**Organisation:** Joe's Pools and Spa Pty Ltd

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1.(a)(ii) - Private certifiers might have their place however they need certification in the area they are certifying e.g. they should have a structural engineering degree for structures and failure of their certification should result in loss of engineers status. I prefer an engineer to certify then a private certifier for that reason. or I prefer an accountants advice on financial matters than a financial advisor with no degree which many people employ and have caused another enquiry. see the pattern here

1.(b) Protection for smaller builders/sub contractors who identify and report faults and poor workmanship/materials. The threat of legal action and the associated costs often mean problems go unreported. Smaller builders might need government backing or help to fight bad developers/Builders

Developers and builders should identify all parties including shareholders with relations to builders past and present It might help with phoenix companies

for smaller building works house renovations etc it would be beneficial to remove the incentive for cash payments. This leads to lower quality work through the builder cheating on material quality and other items as warranties are not honoured. A simple way would be to make these tax deductible for the customer