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Subject: NSW Trade Licensing

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to lodge my objection to the removal of strata licensing requirements in NSW.

As a Strata Managing Agent, and small business owner, the possibility of eliminating licensing requirements creates a large threat to my livelihood in terms of allowing rogue traders with no qualifications and unethical practices to call themselves a "professional strata manager" and start up business in the community.

The Institute of Strata Title Management, of which my staff and I are members have worked tirelessly to promote the professionalism of the industry and educate the strata owners to the fact that the strata industry is so highly regulated by the Office of Fair Trading in terms of licensing and continuing professional development.

It is a great concern that by eliminating licensing requirements, any person in the community can commence a strata management business and hold (potentially) millions of dollars in trust funds with no qualifications..It just seems ludicrous, where is the protection (and benefit to) for the client?

I personally think that other states of Australia that don't have these licensing requirements should be made to "Catch up" with NSW rather than dragging us backward..

When it comes down to it, removing licensing requirements will obviously make things "easier" in terms of running my small business, but in this instant, easy is DEFINITELY NOT better. Someone should be thinking about the negative effects on the clients, who are the ones that benefit from the professional service of their licensed strata manager who is educated on a regular basis via CPD

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Christmas Closure:

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