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Occupational Licensing
C/- The Better Regulation Office
GPO Box 5431
Sydney NSW 2001

To Ms Beattie

Re: Lift Mechanic Licensing

In NSW the lift Industry has moved to a self regulation since the changes to the OH&S act 2001.

Since then it is the requirement of the lift installer to have a registered design that complies with the Australian standard AS1735 with WorkCover Licensing branch.

Also the Owner of the lift must register the lift as an Item of Plant with WorkCover Licensing Unit on an annual Basis. These regulations also require a safe to operate statement for commercial buildings to ensure the owner is addressing any Maintenance issues.

For Both Domestic and Commercial installations the installer is also required to have an electrical licence in order to manage the connection of the lift and ensure the necessary electrical Safety has been maintained.

We would agree with the comments made by your office on the Lift mechanic licensing. This additional requirement for licensing of Lift mechanics for domestic installations is seen as duplication to the requirements of plant regulation.

We would see more benefit in providing more assistance to Work Cover licensing and auditing areas under the plant regulation to ensure a more consistent compliance to protect residential lift consumers.

The AEA has produced an Owners Handbook to assist owners in managing risks with their plant and insure contractors identify risk areas and assist owners in developing Risk management plans for their Plant.

We would be happy to also send a Copy of this owner handbook to assist with this review of the licensing requirements.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Argent".

Norm Argent
Executive Director