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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Proposed Accreditation of Council Building Surveyors

I refer to amended version 3 of the Accreditation of Council Building Surveyors, and commend the BPB on taking notice of submissions received. The amendments which will see Council Building Surveyors now capable of obtaining accreditation, the portability between Councils without the need for re-accreditation and the recognition of trainees.

However EDAP maintains its strong opposition in principle to the proposed accreditation of Council Building Surveyors for reasons already previously stated in our former submission.

Further the group would like to make the following seven (7) submissions on version 3 amendment of the BPB proposal.

- **the notion that individual Council Building Surveyors be accredited .**

EDAP would prefer to see that the Council is accredited which would remove the double employment situation: ie does the Council Building Surveyor work for the BPB or the Council? This unknown still needs to be determined and as previously suggested by EDAP, legal advice should be obtained by the BPB. The NSW Food Authority in its partnership with Local Government realised after their legal enquiries that it was only possible to accredit Council who then delegated the role to its Health Surveyor.

- **The fact that rural/regional Councils Building Surveyors carry out a larger role than just Building Surveying.**

This role is not catered for in the proposed BPB accreditation or acknowledged in any way.



- **Council Building Surveyors may be forced to pay an accreditation fee to the BPB..**

Councils should be asked to pay the accreditation fee not the individual Building Surveyor.

- **Councils will have to notify the BPB each time a Council Building Surveyor starts and leaves Council**

This recording does not take into account the situation where Councils may employ a Building Surveyor for short terms in absence of staff or additional workloads. For example - at present I personally work for up to twenty (20) different Councils and some may only be one day a month occasionally. Surely the Council will not have to write to the BPB in each instance?

- **The additional workload of record keeping and reporting to BPB being placed already on under resourced Councils is overwhelming.**
- **There has been no indication of introducing regional groups similar to those introduced with the NSW Food Authority and Local Government to provide regional training.**

These groups have proved invaluable in the partnership between Local Government and the NSW Food Authority, and provides a good *rapport* between Local Government and the NSW Food Authority, which at present is definitely lacking between the BPB and Local Government.

- **Further consultation is requested with a larger group of Councils before any implementation is proposed.**

EDAP would welcome a meeting with the Board of BPB to discuss the matter further.

Regards

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