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Dear Jean

### DELIVERY OF THE NEW TRAINING PACKAGE BCP03

The Executive Committee of the Master Plumbers and Gas Fitters Association ("MPGA") has expressed concerns that the current level of apprenticeship training in plumbing and gas fitting is not consistent in its delivery at all training outlets within Western Australia.

The Plumbing Services Training Package ("BCP03") was to be delivered by all training providers from 1 January 2006. It has been brought to our attention that this is not the case.

The concerns of the MPGA are that if we are not consistent with training delivery and all training providers are not using the same units of competency the ability to assess and then accredit students with a qualification is not consistent and surely is not recognisable within Western Australia. Should a student look to transfer or gain acceptance of competency in another State this would not be possible.

Other States of Australia have encountered the same difficulties in acceptance of the BCP03 Training Package. For example, Victoria undertook an independent assessment of delivery for all training providers within the State of Victoria to ensure that their training was consistent. The MPGA would fully support such an audit of all training providers in Western Australia to ensure that our apprentices training is consistent and in line with the Australian Quality Training Framework and the training accreditation requirements.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the Board's attention and look forward to your response. If you would like me to expand on this matter to the Board I would be happy to do so.

Yours sincerely

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