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Dear Murray

### **PLUMBING TRADE SKILLS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Thank you for your letter of 2 March 2007 together with the Submissions from your members and the accompanying petition in this matter.

As you are aware the Plumbers Licensing Board has a strategic plan to introduce Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for the plumbing industry. The Plumbing Trade Skills Maintenance Program was proposed as a model for discussion with all stakeholders to advance the requirement for CPD.

I wish to advise you that the Board has decided, based on feedback from those consultations, not to proceed with the Plumbing Trade Skills Maintenance model. The Board is writing to all interested parties confirming the withdrawal of this proposal and will publish its decision on the Board's web site and in newsletters.

The Board has also deferred the introduction of CPD pending further consideration and development of a best practice model in conjunction with the Plumbing Industry Reference Group, the trade and other industry stakeholders.

If you have any further questions or comments in these matters please contact me.

I look forward to working with you and the MPGA, as a member of the Plumbing Industry Reference Group, to assist the Board achieve higher professional standards in the plumbing industry.

Yours sincerely

Jean Villani  
Executive Officer

7 March 2007