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To Whom it may concern:

My submissions are as follows:

-CPD, this is like every one having to go for a Driving skills test every time your driver's License is due..

Driving a car is dangerous occupation also, but no such test is required..

CPD will cost 8 Hrs of time, and now more added expenses and administration to I what I feel is an over governed red taped industry,

However relevant Gap training, (to the Electrician) & optional training would be an advantage as long as it's easily affordable such as Free webinars, like on the Clean energy council site.

I feel that the CPD changes appear to be rushed, and only inputted by invested parties in training, and not very well timed (COVID), when many Electricians, are struggling "like hell" to keep their business afloat, and don't have the time to provide a balanced proper input by all parties.

There is many facets to problems with our Trade.

I will almost bet most submissions are from large/Medium organisations and not so many, little people.

However with a CPD world my concern is,

A person who is both a LEI and a LEW should not have to do double the courses, than a person who has only one Licence. IE they are the same in one person.

Could a person who holds ESI worker, LEI LEW, BRCA CEC licenses /Accreditations, CPD training be put towards training with ESV? If not why not? It should be a broad training spectrum.

Another concern is for the older Active Electricians, who are very much involved and who originally were told there licence was for life, and have extensive knowledge, may now lose their identity if there license was removed.

For the older electricians who are now only casual, and can't be bothered with the CDPs, it may feel they have lost their status, when their licenses are not renewed. My concern is it may lead to more Psychological problems in older Electricians.

This may also cause a loss of revenue to ESV, when to many of those who have just paid it in the past, in order to keep it, (a status) and done nothing much since "slowing down", now will just let it lapse.

With regard to Electrical education decay over the last 20 years, I feel the ESV has dropped the ball with the Electrical industry training that used to be provided, under the SEC, OCEI, then early days ESV, such as News Grams, LEI Newsletters, SEC Bulletins. (which I still have, see examples above).

When they were sent out, you were made aware of many changes which included AS3000,

Distribution changes to wiring, practical examples. We took them on board and you felt it was a big part of keeping up.

(It could now be emailed in an easy format, not like the last publication ESV put out). It Appears ESV are now only a regulatory body, and have moved away from its guidance/education roots which has left a hole and expertise drain as the older experienced guys retire. What happened??

The problem is, the changes are so ultra-rapid now, EG Generator, Solar AS3000, Exit lights Batteries Standalone, SIRs, to name a few, we have to check a number of "damn" web sites, and really look what/when changes are being made, or finding out mostly second hand information, or attempt to get to information nights that are heavily sponsored by Electrical Industry bodies, and who only really only want you to sign up to find out more.

This is mostly a large waste of time, and very inefficient, when time is money in Business. Like most web sites, the search engine seem weak.

However the WORST THING EVER for Electrical education, was to put a large cost on obtaining a copy of any of the wiring rules. Why it was sold to SAI Global is astounding..

A majority of Electricians do not have a current copy of AS 3000, because of this, they rely on Inspectors, Auditors and hopefully Trade nights.

All wiring rules should be free like the Builders and the associated Building Code of Australia BCA for their trade.

The SIRs, are free.

Because the Wiring rules are NOT FREE, this is a **big barrier** to access the rules we work by, therefore stifling Knowledge/Education.

Its not just education, it's easy free access to the systems we now work under would improve things immensely.

Let's take a step back to pre-Tradesmen education.

I personally feel Education is part of the problem. The Apprentice training from the RTOs needs an overhaul, as can be seen by the amount of failures of first time sittings of LEA, LEM Safe working practices exams.

Why is that? It is obvious, what the guys are doing is learning how to pass the exams, not the trade, thus poor practices on the job.

On the job for Apprentices are balanced with making money, and actually getting a good skill mix.

They need a rotation somehow between different tradesmen/Businesses to get a good skill mix during their apprenticeships.

Summary:

-CPD could be good or bad depends on its structure, it should be a skill gap, broad based, web orientated, and not repetitive.

-Longer deep industry Consultation should be carried out not just sweeping changes by those in it to make a dollar

-One person holding more than one License should be treated as one person and other broad electrical industry CPDs to be counted.

-Concern for older Electricians and these changes.

-What is ESV today? Where did the Education go?

-Better Dissemination of actual changes would be helpful by emails (ESV).

- Changes are too fast now with AS3000 and all its off shoots. It should be condensed and simplified dramatically.
- AS 3000 and its off shoots should and must be made free, as a matter of priority.
- Training of Apprentices needs an overhaul and refresh to get a better skill mix.

Any way I have had my say

Thank you

Kind regards

