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Dear Mr Dixon,

RE: Statutory Review of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990 (WA)

Thank you for inviting us to contribute to the Statutory Review of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990.

As the major representatives of electrical contractors/employers, electrical workers, electrical apprentices and associated workers in Western Australia, ECA WA and the ETU, both value our engagement with the CTF and our positions on the Construction Industry Strategic Group.

We welcome the opportunity to provide further information on the issues paper on how the CTF can support skilled workers in the construction sector through this review..

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Statutory Review of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990 (WA)

Submission of the Electrotechnology Training Institute (trading as ECA WA) and the Electrical Trades Union (ETU)

Introduction

The Electrotechnology Training Institute (ETI) is a not-for-profit charity dedicated to enhancing the electrical industry through advocacy, representation, education, and training.

ETI provides support to across all areas of the electrical industry. ETI represents, educates and trains 1,600 electrical contractors, almost 600 of our own apprentices, 2,200 electrical apprentices from industry in our colleges and 800 ETI Associate members, who are made up of electrical workers, engineers, apprentices and suppliers to our industry..

The ETU is a union which represents more than 60,000 electricians, apprentices and electrical workers around Australia. In WA the ETU has several thousand members working directly in the commercial and engineering construction industry throughout the state, with membership growing daily, and indirectly represents all workers within the electrotechnology industries.

2. Effectiveness of the Board

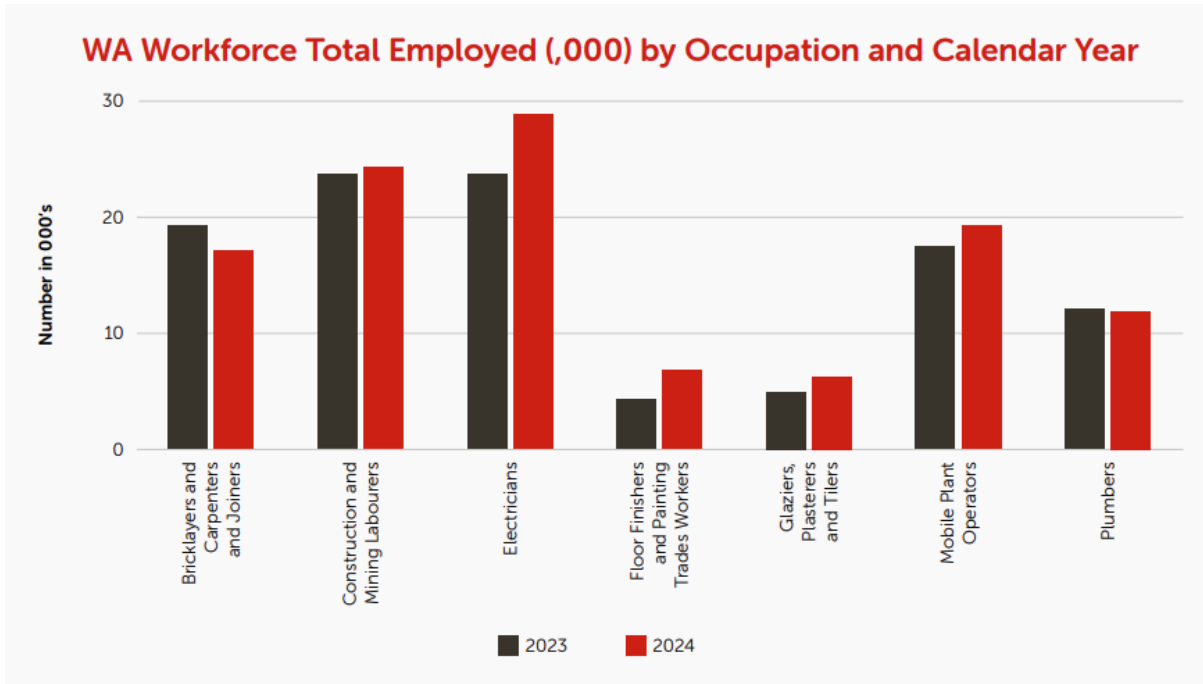
- Relationship with industry and effectiveness of communication
- Structure of the Board and its effectiveness in meeting the needs of different industry sectors

Feedback from the recent statutory review highlighted that stakeholders felt the current structure of the Board should be reviewed.

The reasons for adopting this view included the need for greater representation from industries currently under-represented in the Strategic and Governance decision making process.

CTF employment data shows that licensed electrotechnology and associated trades make up the greatest percentage of the on-site blue-collar workers in the WA commercial construction industry (see figure 1).

Yet there is no direct representation on the CTF board from the employer and employee perspective of either of these large and critical occupations.



(Figure 1: Source CTF industry snapshot May 2024 and ABS Labour Force, Australia Detailed EQ08 February 2023 & 2024)

Conclusion

The ECA WA and ETU WA believe this anomaly should be addressed by increasing the number of board members to enable both organisations to represent their industry's interests.

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