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Building and Construction Policy Team  
NSW Fair Trading

I am writing to convey the support of the Australian Institute of Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heating (AIRAH) for the new Design and Building Practitioners Regulation. It represents a major step in establishing a nationally harmonised registration scheme for building practitioners, including engineers, and in restoring community confidence in Australia's building and construction industry.

We also recognise the efforts made by the NSW government to strengthen the regulation in response to feedback from industry stakeholders, including AIRAH.

Now that the regulation is in place, the months and years ahead will be crucial as industry starts to operate under the new rules. We believe the support of professional associations such as AIRAH will be of great value during this transition. Accordingly, we would like to signal our intent to apply to become registered as a professional engineering body approved by NSW Fair Trading under Pathway 2.

AIRAH has operated since 1920 and is the only body solely focussed on representing Mechanical Engineer Building Services professionals. This includes engineering professionals who plan, design, install, commission operate, tune and maintain mechanical machines and systems in the built environment such as air conditioning plants, ventilation systems, chillers, cooling towers, fire and smoke systems, fans, pumps and control systems.

As part of our commitment to the HVAC&R industry and the engineering profession AIRAH has launched a professional accreditation scheme specifically designed for engineers operating in the HVAC&R building services industry. The AIRAH Registered Professional Engineer (ARPEng) accredits professional engineers in the Mechanical Engineer Building Services discipline.

The ARPEng accreditation has been designed to meet the requirements in Queensland and Victoria, and will also support the Design and Building Practitioners Regulation in New South Wales.

We look forward to being involved in the next steps of this process, and supporting the NSW government to strengthen our building and construction industry.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Gleeson".

Tony Gleeson, M.AIRAH  
AIRAH Chief Executive