

Earlier today during the Committee's hearing into the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Amendment Bill 2017* Senator Xenophon requested a draft amendment that would provide a mandatory exemption for essential service providers from the 2016 national building code in order to remove uncertainty around the intention of the code's application to essential service providers.

Consequently, we put forward the following draft amendment for consideration:

s34 (4)

Building contractors or building industry participants whose principal business is the provision of essential services related to supply of electricity, natural gas, water, waste water, or telecommunications shall be exempt from the Building Code.

Regards

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