

# OPEN DATA STRATEGY

## Introduction

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (the QBCC) is a statutory body established under the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991*. The QBCC plays a central role in regulating the building and construction industry in Queensland. It does this by providing timely information, advice and regulation to ensure the maintenance of proper building standard, remedies for defective building work and promoting confidence in the building and construction industry.

In accordance with the Queensland government's open data initiative, the QBCC is committed to making data openly available for public use, free of charge and in an easily accessible format. Through the QBCC website, a significant amount of information is already available, including corporate publications and online search tools for QBCC licence holders (builders, contractors, and other licensees), building certifiers, and owner builder permit holders. Adjudication decisions, as well as the ability to search for an Adjudicator, are also available via the QBCC website.

Data will however be restricted where appropriate to comply with privacy provisions, public safety, security, commercial confidentiality and/or compliance with the law.

The QBCC open data strategy aims to:

- ) make datasets available on the government's open data portal
- ) regularly update datasets on the open data portal to maximise their currency
- ) ensure appropriate consideration is given prior to the release of any data to ensure personal privacy, commercial confidentiality, security and issues of public safety are not compromised and
- ) continually review and improve data quality.

## Datasets

The QBCC collects a range of data that will be considered for public release. The data includes but not limited to:

- ) data relating to QBCC licensees, including builders, designers, plumbers, pool safety inspectors and other licensees,
- ) data relating to building certifiers, owner builder permit holders
- ) data relating to notifiable works
- ) data relating to regulated pools and pool safety certificates.

## Implementation

For all datasets to be published on the Open Data Portal, they will be published with descriptive metadata information and published under the Queensland Government's publishing data release standards.

In addition to these datasets, the QBCC also maintains information relating to insurance policies issued for the Queensland Home Warranty scheme. These policies record data such as the insurance policy number, the owner's name, the builder's name and licence number, the site address, the type of work insured, the value of work and the policy commencement and expiry date.

This data includes information that, if released publicly, may breach privacy or commercial confidentiality, e.g. owner's name and value of the work. Accordingly, QBCC will not release this data.

Where the release of data may not be in the public interest or may breach privacy, commercial confidentiality, security, law enforcement and public safety concerns, consideration will initially be given to de-identifying the data or aggregating the data before a decision is made not to release it.

Data that is released will be updated periodically to maintain its currency. Further details in relation to the type of data for release and frequency of update are provided in Appendix A.

## Future Program

The QBCC will seek to improve its information availability. Feedback can be provided via email at [info@qbcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@qbcc.qld.gov.au).

# Appendix A

Dataset name	Description of data	Frequency of update	End of release date
QBCC Licensed Contractors Register	Register of licensed builders, trade contractors, designers, nominees, site supervisors and occupational licence holders maintained by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC).	Quarterly	N/A
QBCC Licensed Building Certifiers	A register of licensed building certifiers maintained by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC).	Quarterly	N/A
Adjudicators Register	A register of adjudicators registered under the <i>Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004</i> .	Annually	N/A
Notifiable work register	Plumbing and drainage work (notifiable work) performed in existing homes; number of online and Plumbing Application Service accounts.	Quarterly	N/A
Register of licensed plumbers and drainers	Plumbing Industry Council register of licensed plumbers and drainers	Quarterly	N/A
Register of regulated pools in Queensland	List including lot and plan numbers and addresses of properties which have registered pools	Half yearly	N/A
Pool safety inspectors register	List of pool safety inspectors by licence number, licence expiry date, name, business name and contact details	Half yearly	N/A
Registered properties with pool safety certificates	Properties with pools that have had pool safety certificates issued with lot and plan number, address, number of pools at the property and date certificate was issued.	Half yearly	N/A

