

Area of Regulation

Plant and Amusement Devices:

Definition of a Competent Person

a) either the skills or qualifications, competence and experience to inspect the plant ***and is registered under a law that provides for the registration of professional engineers***

- Within Western Australia, currently ONE Person conducts the majority of annual Inspections of Amusement devices.
- This person Ian Thomson is very well qualified and capable of performing this task
- He meets the definition of a "competent person" under existing regulations
- Ian Thomson would not meet the NEW definition of a "Competent Person" as he is not "registered under a law that provides for the registration of professional engineers"
- I recommend that the definition of a "competent person" be amended to reflect not a requirement to be registered with a body of professional engineers BUT be "***eligible to be registered under a law that provides for the registration of professional engineers***"

b) is determined by the regulator to be a competent person

- There exists significant difficulty facing local amusement industry Operators with the lack of available engineers to conduct inspections.
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- **the local regulator should be empowered to determine and accept as a Competent person, an Engineer who does not meet the strict criteria of the proposed definition of a competent person. This should be invoked in those times or circumstances when a defined competent person is not available**

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Plant: item of plant registration- renewals

Impact on Amusement Industry Plant

- Work within the amusement Industry in Western Australia is very much of a seasonal nature (September – December and February - April)
- Amusement devices will normally only be operated at any event over a weekend (one or two days)
- For a significant part of the year in Western Australia, amusement devices will remain idle, packed up and will not be operated
- Renewal of Plant Registrations every 5 years for amusement plant, which would be the subject of minimal operational as above, would be superfluous and unnecessary
- Would suggest that if inflexibility exists with the concept, at least extend the renewal period to 10 years