



**Doug Parkinson, MLC**

Leader for the Government in the  
Legislative Council

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### **Harriss Bill Sets Bad Precedent**

The State Government was convinced to not support a Bill introduced by Paul Harriss MLC seeking to return funds to TCC-accredited builders after representations from the business community, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council Doug Parkinson said.

“The Government supported Mr Harriss’ original Bill but times have changed since then,” Mr Parkinson said.

“Businesses and the TCCI have raised serious concerns with the Government that legislating in this way creates an unhealthy precedent of Parliament interfering in contractual obligations.

“These issues were not fully appreciated at the time support was given to the original Bill, which the Premier had agreed to support.

“It should also be understood that even if this Bill passed into law, there is no guarantee that any funds would be returned to builders, so Mr Harriss should be careful about raising false hopes.”

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