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ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS PUBLISHED – BUILDING STANDARDS, QUALITY AND DISPUTES IN NSW

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The Upper House Public Accountability Committee today published the results of an online questionnaire for the inquiry into building standards, building quality and building disputes.

The responses will inform the committee as it commences public hearings next week, on Monday 12 and Friday 16 August 2019.

Committee Chair, Mr David Shoebridge MLC, said, "The committee received 390 responses, demonstrating widespread public concern about building quality in New South Wales.

Almost half of respondents are owners or residents of buildings with defects, including residents of Mascot Towers and buildings with flammable cladding. The questionnaire was a valuable opportunity for these people to tell the committee about their experiences with the regulation of building standards by government agencies in New South Wales."

Key results

- Over 90% of respondents are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the current process of private certification.
- Over 90% of respondents believe the protections for owners and purchasers or new apartments/dwellings are highly inadequate or inadequate.
- 43% of respondents have experience of a strata committee responding to defects in common property. Of these, 43% are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the response, while 34% are very satisfied or satisfied.

A link to the online questionnaire and the witness lists for next week's public hearings can be found on the inquiry's [website](#).

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