



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

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# FURTHER HEARING INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT BILL – BUILDING STANDARDS, QUALITY AND DISPUTES IN NSW

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

17 October 2019

The Upper House Public Accountability Committee will be holding a further hearing on **Tuesday 5 November 2019** for its inquiry into the regulation of building standards, building quality and building disputes.

The hearing will specifically focus on the draft of the Design and Building Practitioners Bill 2019 that was released by the NSW Government on 2 October 2019 for public consultation. The draft bill introduces new reforms in relation to the registration of design practitioners, principal design practitioners and other building practitioners, including the provisions for compliance declarations and duty of care obligations.

Mr David Shoebridge MLC, Chair of the Committee, said, "It is important that the committee considers this draft bill as part of its inquiry to ensure that the draft bill aims to comprehensively address the issues highlighted to the government in the Shergold Weir report and address the concerns that have been raised by stakeholders during this inquiry."

Mr Shoebridge continued, "The committee will consider the draft bill as part of its interim report and will then be holding further hearings into next year, including a hearing to focus on the highly concerning issue of flammable cladding on Wednesday 11 December 2019."

The hearing on the government's draft bill will commence at **9.30 am at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney**. The hearing is open to the public and will be webcast live via the Parliament's [website](#).

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, and submissions received, please visit the committee's website at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicaccountability](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicaccountability).

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