

Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO REGULATION OF BUILDING  
STANDARDS, BUILDING QUALITY AND BUILDING  
DISPUTES**

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The Hon. David Shoebridge MLC  
Chairman  
Regulation of Building Standards committee  
NSW Parliament House  
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

The public's confidence in the Building approval and inspection process has long been shattered, especially with Engineers and Certifiers. It is open to corruption. "He who pays the piper calls the tune". I have had many discussions with Planning Ministers lobbying for Certifiers responsibilities and inspections to be returned to Councils and the State Planning Commission. This does not mean extra cost for Councils as applicants should still pay the full bill. Council Certifiers should be on a rotating allocation system and no certifier should be allocated to more than one project per builder at any one time.

The state should introduce a Licencing system for all specialist disciplines consulting to the building industry. Industry associations appear to have failed the community and don't have clout with their members.

The advantage of this system is that final responsibility rests with the Certifier and thus Council. A clear path for compensation in the event of problems.

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