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

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My experience is the problem of essential services certification by Private Certifiers and sub-contractors during 2000- 2001 as a developer.

The Certifier was _____ who certified apartments at Mallett Street Camperdown as complying to then have _____ issue an Interim Occupation Certificate in my name. My name as the applicant for the Certificate was forged by an officer of _____ who relied on the verifications supplied by the Certifier who falsely claimed that I had supplied the Form 5 Certificates. To protect myself from claims due to the false certification I paid for the rectification works for 48 apartments over many months.

Since that time the certification process has not been amended for provisions of forgery or incorrect certification. The Certifier was not disciplined for falsely agreeing that the building works met the standards of the _____ and the provisions of the Development Consent. The Council absolved itself of all responsibility by relying on the certification by the Certifier who was employed by the builder.

The ability to self-certify is a Government led fiasco that leaves building owners unable to seek recompense for the certification of non-complying building works that has increased the cost of construction and insurance.