

**Submission
No 118**

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

Organisation: Randwick City Council

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Mr David Shoebridge MLC – Chairperson
Public Accountability Committee
Parliament of New South Wales
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY

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Dear Chair and Committee Members

Re: Inquiry into Regulation of Building Standards, Building Quality and Building Disputes

I write to inform the Committee that Randwick City Council, at its Ordinary Meeting held on the 23 July 2019, made the following resolution:

“RESOLUTION: (Matson/Stavrinou)” that Council responds to the NSW Upper House Public Accountability Committee inquiry into the regulation of building standards, building quality and building disputes by:

- a) requesting permission from it to make a late submission after the closing date of 28th of July 2019; and
- b) in the interim lodging a preliminary submission before that closing date giving in-principle support to recommendations 5 to 7 from the 2018 *Shergold and Weir report* that address the roles and responsibilities of regulators. These being recommendations for:
 - i. A focus on collaboration between state and local government and (where applicable) private building surveyors to improve regulatory oversight;
 - ii. A provision of broad powers to audit building work and take effective compliance and enforcement action; and
 - iii. An implementation by each jurisdiction of a proactive audit strategy for regulatory oversight of the Commercial building sector.”

In this regard, the Committee is requested that this resolution is given due consideration.

In addition I wish to inform the Committee that separate to the above resolution, senior officers from Waverley, Woollahra and Randwick Councils are currently preparing a joint submission to the Committee. It is envisaged that this submission will be made to prior to the 28 July 2019.

Should you require further information in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Roman Wereszczynski – Manager, Health Building and Regulatory Service on 9093 6947, Monday to Friday during business hours.

Yours faithfully

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