

**INQUIRY INTO FURTHER INQUIRY INTO THE
REGULATION OF BUILDING STANDARDS**

Organisation: Strata Community Association NSW

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Parliament House
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Dear David,

RE: Further Inquiry into the Regulation of Building Standards

I am writing in response to your request for feedback to the Further Inquiry into the Regulation of Building Standards.

Strata Community Association (NSW) "SCA (NSW)" welcome the establishment of this Inquiry with the objective of assessing the adequacy and efficacy of building standards, with a particular emphasis on rectification of flammable cladding, which specifically affects strata communities and multi-unit dwellings.

Continual liaison by SCA (NSW) with the Minister for Better Regulation, Office of Building Commissioner and Fair Trading on matters concerning the construction and strata sector has to date proven productive, resulting in a program of reforms from both the Minister and industry to improve building regulation.

The establishment of the Project Remediate program with the aim of effectively rectifying flammable cladding where it is discovered on strata-titled buildings, is one such example of this drive for reform undertaken by the government toward the benefit of owners and occupiers in strata communities across the state. SCA (NSW) has been heavily engaged and participated in many constructive meetings and discussion to assist the program's development. In particular, the Project Remediate team has directly engaged with our Association and members to ensure as many impacted strata schemes are aware of the remediation program and sought our input to ensure the broadest engagement to all schemes that are applicable.

As a vocal advocate for the establishment of a cladding remediation program, we have been very satisfied with the resourcing, engagement and flexibility introduced into the program to ensure its success on behalf of impacted consumers in strata in NSW.

We have confidence that the program will deliver the comprehensive cladding removal and replacement outcomes for participating schemes due to the robust design overlay, project assurance and consistent contracting methodology. Further, the financial benefits introduced for schemes by way of no interest loans, project design and assurance, project management and strata manager support will significantly offset some of the costs for the impacted consumers.

Subsequently, if required I look forward to providing further comment to this inquiry on behalf of SCA (NSW) in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Sadiye Ince, General Manager, (SCA) NSW)

Yours sincerely,

Chris Duggan
SCA (NSW) President