

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

Name: Name suppressed

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Dear PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

I wish to make comments on

*"The efficacy and adequacy of the government's regulation of building standards and specifically,
(i) the cost, effectiveness and safety concerns arising from the use of flammable cladding"*

I submit as an individual concerned about the standard of some dwellings in my local area.
I would like to draw to the Committees attention - two storey dwellings constructed from polystyrene foam.

I do not know if this is considered flammable cladding.

70mm polystyrene foam over a timber frame with the foam overlaid by 6mm hardiplank or 6mm cement render.

Once built, who would know what lies beneath?

Housing is very expensive and whilst well insulated against noise, do people know what they are buying?


The plans on the DA lodged with our Council show "R2 wall insulation."

The proponent cites a Department of Planning Interim Guideline in the 2016 DA's Acoustic and Vibration Assessment.

The Departmental 2008 publication, "Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline" (DoP 08_048)

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Category No.	Building Element	Standard Constructions	sample
2	Windows/Sliding Doors	Openable with minimum 6mm monolithic glass and full perimeter acoustic seals	
	Frontage Facade	Timber Frame or Cladding Construction: 6mm fibre cement sheeting or weatherboards or plank cladding externally, 90mm deep timber stud or 92mm metal stud, 13mm standard plasterboard internally with R2 insulation in wall cavity.	