

**INQUIRY INTO REVIEW INTO THE DESIGN AND  
BUILDING PRACTITIONERS ACT 2020 AND THE  
RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDINGS (COMPLIANCE  
AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS) ACT 2020**

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I think there should be more consideration of storm water, drains, aquifers, creeks and rivers in urban environments. Too many hard surfaces cause flooding and erosion into larger water bodies causing damage to ecosystems, including natural lakes, rivers and dams, as well as constructed parks and streetscapes. Further consideration to link water systems through parks and drainage areas as flood zones could halt this. These should be made into recreational areas along natural waterways and water flow areas, instead of piped away underground. Bringing water to the surface in the form of 'Daylighting' should be of greater consideration when town planning and developments are made. As I live in the Sutherland Shire I have seen the demise of the oyster industry through the QX virus which I feel on my novice research revealed could be attributed to siltation and pollution from poor drainage of stormwater. I was horrified to see the recent development in Rockdale, Brighton Le Sands area where a new freeway tunnel has concreted the creek and destroyed the parkland. Hopefully when completed it will be reinstated to a more natural environment and the creek will again flow in a more natural way.