



NSW Cladding Taskforce

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you about fire safety in buildings because your building has been identified as having external wall cladding.

You will be aware of the recent fire at the Grenfell Tower in London. This tragic event has brought global attention to the risks related to fire safety, particularly in residential high-rise buildings. Investigations continue into the cause of the London fire.

The London fire follows a fire in Melbourne in November 2014 that raised similar concerns in the Australian context. Investigations into the Melbourne fire revealed the building's external wall cladding was made of Aluminium Composite Panels [ACP]. The cladding and the way it was used in the building contributed to the rapid spread and intensity of the fire which raised concerns about the non-compliant use of external wall cladding.

It is important to note that external cladding material, including ACP, can be safe if installed in accordance with the Building Code of Australia, relevant technical standards and local laws.

NSW authorities have recently used the best available data and analysis to identify buildings that may have installed external wall cladding.

Your building at [REDACTED] has been identified in that analysis as possibly having external wall cladding installed as part of building or renovation work.

It is important that you take action now to ensure the fire safety measures in the building are reviewed to ensure they remain appropriate and effective.

It is recommended that you immediately take the following actions:

- review all the design, construction and approval documents for the building to determine whether external wall cladding was installed on the building. If so, you should seek advice about the suitability of the type of material used and the method of installation; and
- ensure that the annual fire safety statement for the building is up-to-date and all fire safety maintenance measures have been addressed; and
- consider engaging a suitable professional to review and inspect the overall fire safety of the building, including the installation of any external wall cladding, and provide an assessment of any steps required to maintain or improve the building fire safety; and
- take action to make any recommended changes to the building.

To help us to keep in contact with you about this issue please register your details at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/buildingsafety. You will be contacted later to complete a simple on-line survey about the actions you take after receiving this letter.

Your local council will also be made aware that your building has been identified in this data analysis.

If you require information about engaging suitable services of fire safety professionals and fire safety engineers the following organisations can provide information about the individuals and companies that specialise in these activities:

- Fire Protection Association Australia — ph 1300 731 922 - www.fpa.com.au/provider
- National Fire Industry Association — ph 07 3882 6924 - www.nfia.com.au
- Engineers Australia — ph 1300 653 113 - www.engineersaustralia.org.au

Some fire safety services may also be able to be provided by building certifiers accredited in categories A1, A2, or C10. Details of accredited certifiers are available on the Building Professionals Board website www.bpb.nsw.gov.au.

If you would like more information about non-conforming building products visit the NSW Fair Trading website - www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Taskforce Chair