



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BUILDING MINISTERS TAKE LITTLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDRESSING INSURANCE CRISIS**

Building Ministers have again taken little responsibility for addressing the pressing insurance crisis facing the construction industry.

The [communique](#) issued after today's Building Ministers' Forum puts the onus entirely on the industry and sees governments across the country do little but convene meetings.

The Association of Accredited Certifiers (AAC) supports industry working with governments on a solution to this crisis, but both sides should be doing the work.

"The Ministers want to see professional standards schemes introduced by industry, well the AAC is doing just that," AAC CEO Jill Brookfield said.

"But this is not a silver bullet – a range of measures are needed to ensure accredited certifiers can access insurance and the public is protected.

"We agree that industry needs to work to address this problem, but so too does government.

"After all, it is governments that have created the existing regulatory environments and it is governments that are largely responsible for enforcing them.

**"We are already seeing accredited certifiers leave the industry and [projects come to a grinding halt](#) because of a lack of insurance – this will continue to get worse unless governments act.**

"At the moment it is the industry associations, like the AAC, acting while governments across the country sit on their hands."

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