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AAC WELCOMES NSW BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S NEW POWERS AND URGES INDUSTRY-WIDE FOCUS

The Association of Accredited Certifiers has welcomed the NSW Building Commissioner's new powers coming into effect from today.

The new powers are designed to build confidence in the construction sector and improve outcomes for consumers.

Some of the powers include preventing the issuing of occupation certificates or strata plan registrations before defective buildings can enter the market.

The new powers complement other reforms to insure and register more building practitioners including builders and designers, and the work of the industry to improve outcomes.

AAC CEO Jill Brookfield said the new powers, coupled with reforms to register more building practitioners, should improve accountability and outcomes.

"We welcome the Building Commissioner's powers coming into force and working with him to improve accountability and outcomes across the entire industry," Ms Brookfield said.

"For too long there has been lack of accountability from un-registered building practitioners in NSW, and a lack of oversight from regulators.

"The Building Commissioner has been clear that those days are ending and that is something we welcome.

"We also recognise that driving these reforms is not just a matter for government. Industry must do its fair share in lifting standards, improving the culture, and ensuring consumers are put front and centre."

Ms Brookfield said it was also important that the focus is on the whole industry, rather than narrowly focusing on a small segment of it.

"It is crucial that we start to hold all practitioners to account for their work on construction sites," the CEO said.

"From builders and designers to tradespeople and certifiers, all practitioners have a responsibility to ensure quality outcomes.

"If all practitioners are accountable for the work they produce, this will drive better outcomes for consumers."

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