

4 May 2020

Hon Kevin Anderson MP
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Via email: Office@Anderson.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister

RE: *Design and Building Practitioners Bill and Residential Apartment Buildings (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Bill*

Firstly, thank you for your correspondence dated 29 April 2020 regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the regulatory requirements of Accredited Certifiers. Your thorough response is greatly appreciated.

I am today writing to you regarding the *Design and Building Practitioners Bill and Residential Apartment Buildings (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Bill*.

The Association of Accredited Certifiers strongly supports both Bills and sees them as vitally important to increasing accountability in the construction sector and improving outcomes for the public.

Therefore, the Association respectfully requests that these Bills be considered by the Parliament as a matter of urgency and notes that Parliament is scheduled to sit on 12 May 2020.

The Government has rightly identified the importance of the construction industry in supporting the broader economy during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is crucially important that the right framework is in place to support this and ensure optimum outcomes for the public.

We believe these two Bill are key to achieving this.

As we have argued for some time, more building practitioners must be registered and insured if we are to improve accountability and outcomes, and these two Bills with the associated regulations can make this possible.

If you or your office would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0431 082 259.

I have also provided a copy of this letter to the NSW Building Commissioner, Mr David Chandler OAM.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer