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The Hon. Rob Stokes MP Minister for Planning and Public Spaces GPO Box 5341 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Via email: office@stokes.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister

Re: Proposed Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 consultation

We write regarding the proposed Environment Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (the draft Regulation) consultation.

As the peak industry body for registered certifiers in private practice and in local government, the Association of Australian Certifiers (AAC) will be providing feedback on the proposed changes to the Regulation, but we respectfully request that the provisions made under Part 6 and section 10.13 (1)1(d) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 also be released for feedback as soon as possible.

We note that the draft Regulation states that these provisions will be included in the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021, which has not yet been made.

In the interests of transparency, we would like to understand the full context of the reform to the regulations in order to be able to provide meaningful feedback.

We therefore request that the Department provide a forum for the AAC to contribute to the development of the draft Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021, and the consultation period on the current draft Regulation be extended beyond 22 September.

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

Yours sincerely

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