

28 September 2021

Mr Paul Baxter BBS, EFO, FIFireE, NZIM
Commissioner
Fire and Rescue NSW
1 Amarina Avenue
Greenacre NSW 2190

Via email: info@fire.nsw.gov.au

Dear Commissioner

I write regarding Fire and Rescue NSW's (FRNSW) [position statement](#) concerning relevant stakeholders to be consulted in the performance-based design brief (PBDB).

The Association of Australian Certifiers (AAC) is the peak body for registered certifiers employed in private practice and local government in NSW.

We are concerned that FRNSW does not have the necessary resources to be able to implement this position statement, which is leaving our members and the public in a sub-optimal position.

Recent advice provided to our members from FRNSW confirms these concerns.

As registered certifiers, our members are focussed on assessing projects against the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and their statutory obligations but cannot do this in relation to FRNSW's position statement because a lack of resourcing out of their control.

This current situation is not meeting the public's expectations and we therefore respectfully request that more resources are applied, or an exemption is considered until resourcing can be ramped up.

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

Yours sincerely



Jill Brookfield
Chief Executive Officer

CC - Minister for Police and Emergency Service, the Hon David Elliott MP