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PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORKS COMMITTEE

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UPPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TABLES REPORT INTO BUILDING LEGISLATION REVIEW

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The Public Accountability and Works Committee has tabled its report entitled 'Review into the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 and the Residential Apartment Buildings (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Act 2020 and related draft government bills'. The report makes three findings and nine recommendations.

The committee found while the overarching policy objectives of the *Building Practitioners Act 2020* and the *Residential Apartment Buildings (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Act 2020* remain valid in that they seek to strengthen consumer protection and increase consumer confidence, there is room for improvement in how they are implemented.

Committee Chair, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC said: "The committee's report considers the key issues arising from the existing legislative framework including increased costs and complexity as well as workforce shortages."

Ms Boyd continued: 'Recommendations set out in the committee's report include that the NSW Government consider non-tertiary pathways to registrations for practitioners with significant industry experience; that the Minister for Building liaise with state and federal counterparts to develop a nationally consistent registration framework; and that the NSW Government establish a new dispute resolution process for dealing with building defects.'

The committee found that the consultation processes led by the NSW Government concerning the draft building bills and draft regulations lacked transparency and consistency. They were also frustrated by the government's refusal to provide the committee with a copy of the draft building bills, despite having shared them with industry stakeholders. This impacted the committee's ability to adequately undertake the statutory review.

Ms Boyd commented that: 'Despite multiple requests from the committee, the government refused to provide us with a copy of the draft building bill. This was a key source of frustration for both committee members and inquiry participants. It subsequently undermined the committee's ability to not only conduct its statutory review, but to also effectively evaluate the proposed framework, determine whether it will effectively address key issues, and made it difficult for members to understand and weigh up concerns raised by participants.'

The committee's report and other documents can be found on the inquiry [webpage](#).

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