

29 April 2020

The Hon Kevin Anderson  
Minister for Better Regulation & Innovation  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

**NSW Parliament Sitting May 2020 – Building Reform**

I am writing to you to ask that you bring the Design and Building Practitioners Bill 2019 and the Residential Apartment Buildings (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Bill 2020 before the Parliament as a matter of urgency.

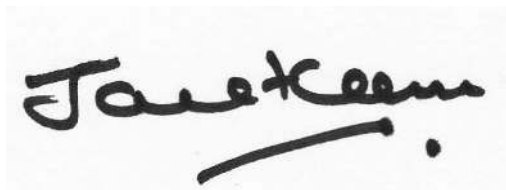
The need for these important reforms is a pressing one and OCN believes there is a consensus that these Bills should not be subject to further delay. The construction of residential apartment buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic has been prioritised by the NSW Government. This has been an important initiative to reduce unnecessary loss of employment and closure of businesses, and to maintain the stimulus effect that construction plays in the NSW economy.

It is also crucial to public confidence that work carried out during this period is performed at a higher standard. There can be no assurance of this unless the reforms are implemented and the Building Commissioner has all necessary powers. In particular, the continued lack of the statutory duty of care leaves thousands of consumers unprotected and without effective remedy.

The consumer protection issue is of paramount importance to OCN. It applies to existing occupied apartment buildings that are currently dealing with significant defects, as well as those constructed during COVID-19 pandemic.

I ask that you give this matter urgent attention so that NSW can move forward with these necessary reforms without delay.

Yours sincerely



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