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PERMANENT LABELLING SYSTEM FOR ACP PRODUCTS CONSULTATION

The Owners Corporation Network of Australia Limited (OCN) is the peak consumer body representing residential strata and community title owners and residents. As such, OCN is uniquely positioned to understand the impact that the legislative framework has on day-to-day machinations and community living.

OCN's mission is to protect the rights of present and future strata owners. OCN:

- **educates** committee members and individual owners through meetings, seminars, workshops, guides, and a discussion forum to share experiences and disseminate information;
- **advocates** necessary improvements to government policy and legislation.

OCN's response to the discussion paper is to strongly support the recommendations made by the Building Products Innovation Council vis a wider conversation between government and industry needs to take place to ensure a solution is developed to deal with all other products used in buildings.

Dealing only with cladding is a one dimensional reaction. The cladding is supposed to perform as a system, so it may have fully marked cladding but flammable insulation or waterproofing. The whole system ideally should meet AS5113 and be certified as a complete system. Change one component and you have to retest. Then there are all the other non-compliant materials being used in buildings. Australia needs a holistic approach to stem this widespread plague, not isolated reactions.

We would have made a more details submission but for the fact the planned author is currently under pressure to complete Annual General Meeting documentation to argue for their building's owners to stump up \$7million to fix their current cladding problem.

Sincerely
Karen Stiles
Executive Officer

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