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Straight from the source: insights on strata sector shakeup

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As the New South Wales government implements substantial reforms to the design, delivery and consumer protections for apartments, many owners have been left wondering what it means for them. The Owners Corporation Network OCN, with support from City of Sydney, is holding a live event that will give attendees an opportunity to get the facts straight from the source.

Strata Matters on 20 July from 10am-2pm will bring together some of the key people leading the construction and property sector reforms: Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, Hon. Kevin Anderson MP; NSW Building Commissioner, David Chandler OAM; NSW Fair Trading, Director, Consumer, Building & Property, Matt Whitton; and NSW Fair Trading, Director, Issues Resolution & Advisory Services, Kathy Townsend.

The MC will be noted apartment living expert and media personality, Flat Chat's Jimmy Thomson. Topics the speakers and panellists will cover include the critical issues around building defects and cladding, and updates and changes to NSW strata living regulations. There will also be a Q&A session to give audience members a chance to raise their most pressing concerns. The event is being held at the exclusive Kirribilli Club in Milsons Point, and refreshments and a light lunch are included in the ticket price. The 2021 Strata Matters Event is particularly timely with the NSW building reforms coming into effect from July 1, 2021. These reforms will see developers and builders held accountable for shonky work, explains OCN Executive Officer, Karen Stiles.

"Strata is unique, and recent years have seen added burdens and stress for owners around the legacy of dodgy construction and non-compliant flammable cladding," Ms Stiles said.

"We have been fierce advocates for the interests of owners and the need for the regulators to step up and ensure buyers are not left to carry the financial cost of shoddy workmanship and dangerous cladding products.

"This event is a continuation of that process of advocacy and education, and we are very grateful to our speakers and supporters for making it possible."

OCN events have proven extremely valuable for committees, owners, and strata sector stakeholders. A previous Strata Matters event attendee, Sue from Epping, said, "...congratulations to the OCN Team for the indeed, unmissable and informative event held today. Excellent speakers all with content that goes to the heart of all attendees. As for Jimmy Thomson...well he just does not disappoint!"

To purchase tickets, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/strata-matters-20-july-2021>.
OCN members \$50 + GST, Non-members \$75 +GST.

For interviews with OCN Executive Officer Karen Stiles or for further information about OCN and its advocacy work email eo@ocn.org.au.

About OCN

The Owners Corporation Network of Australia Limited (OCN) is the peak consumer body representing residential strata and community title owners and residents. Strata is the fastest growing form of residential property ownership in Australia, and the growth of this sector raises increasingly important questions over property ownership and governance.

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