

2022 Year in Review

The Year in Numbers

- 20 Years of Owner Advocacy & Education
- 8 Government [Submissions](#)
- 9 [Events](#)
- 33 [News Articles/Podcasts](#)
- 2 [Radio Interviews](#)
- 2 [TV Interviews](#)
- 4 Hardworking Volunteer [Board Members](#)
- 4 Part-Time Staff Members
- 2 fabulous pro bono defects lawyers – Banjo Stanton and Paul Jurdeczka
- Some wonderful members who assist with events and expertise

Member Events

- Waterproofing - Maintenance
- Drive Electric
- Waterproofing – Choosing the Right Product
- Maintaining Your Building
- Legal Issues in Strata
- Changing Your Strata Manager
- Half Yearly Update
- OCN Annual General Meeting

Advocacy

NSW Property Services Commissioner

OCN built a strong, trusted relationship with the Commissioner as we worked through the myriad issues facing strata owners, and provided case studies to support our calls for action. One off the plan case study contained everything that can go against unsuspecting owners and should herald change. We also participated in the one-day Future of Strata workshop which has spawned four working groups to develop policy and brainstorm solutions to some intractable issues.

Building Defects

OCN joined an expert panel at the 8th Annual Building Safety Summit, to discuss impacts of defects on purchasers and residents.

OCN was also called to testify on flammable cladding at the Further Inquiry into Regulation of Building Standards. We also participated in numerous stakeholder roundtables and made a substantive submission on the NSW Home Building Act Review. And made a submission on the Home Building Compensation Fund.

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At a Construct NSW Townhall OCN joined industry bodies, global ratings agency Equifax and the Chair of the Minister's Decennial Liability Advisory Group to discuss the pros and cons of the new iCIRT ratings tool.

And we have been in dialogue with NSW Fair Trading on the impacts of the application of the Design & Building Practitioners Act to remedial works. Owners face large time and cost blowouts if solutions are not found.

NSW Strata Hub

OCN participated in a number of educational panel sessions with NSW Fair Trading, the Property Services Commissioner and Building Commissioner prior to the commencement of annual strata reporting requirements. OCN spent several years trying to get the Strata Hub information collection relevant, and influence government to use it as a tool to communicate, identify emerging trends, and provide much needed education and support.

Embedded Networks

OCN made a submission to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety, and was then invited to testify on behalf of strata owners trapped in long and expensive embedded network contracts.

EV Charging

OCN developed electric vehicle charging guidance for the NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change, and produced a comprehensive suite of fact sheets, guides and a by-law to assist schemes on the EV charging journey.

Telco Infrastructure

We advocated on behalf of residential strata owners who are being bullied by telcos for access to instal equipment on their roofs, and found a company who could project manage their unreasonable demands. Sadly, the telcos were taking advantage of owners' naivety to demand the space for free, offering no indemnity.

Off The Plan Contracts

OCN made a submission on further reforms aimed to provide better protections for purchasers.

Victorian Election 2022

OCN supported SCA Victoria's calls to better protect and support Victoria's 1.6 million (or 1 in 4) people owning and living in strata through an open letter to politicians.

NSW Election 2023

OCN launched a strong policy platform to better protect NSW's 1.1 million (1 in 5) residents and is now targeting key politicians, to raise awareness of the issues and seek support for our calls to action.