



NSW Cladding Taskforce

Dear Occupant

I am writing to update you on the latest information regarding aluminium cladding on buildings in NSW, particularly residential buildings like the one in which you live.

You probably know there has been a lot of discussion about this issue since the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London in June.

You are receiving this letter because your building has been identified as having cladding.

We take fire safety very seriously. Fortunately, NSW already has very tough fire safety laws including smoke detectors, sprinklers and fire escapes.

No-one wants to see a fire tragedy in NSW, and that's why the NSW Government recently introduced tough new laws which enable dangerous building products to be located, and removed.

The work to identify potentially dangerous products, and get rid of any risk, is underway.

In the meantime, the NSW Cladding Taskforce that includes Fire & Rescue NSW has been working hard to pinpoint buildings which have cladding. Fire & Rescue NSW have inspected all the high-rise residential buildings identified in an initial audit. It has been concluded that, as at 7 December 2017, about 200 buildings require further action.

As your building has cladding that requires further assessment, Fire & Rescue will be doing further work to collect all the information needed to ensure your safety. Your local council will be made aware of the assessment by Fire & Rescue NSW so council can inspect the building, consider whether action is needed, and report back to Fire & Rescue. You may see council officers around your building as they carry out further visits.

If you have any concerns regarding the cladding on your building, I encourage you to take action to make sure your concerns are addressed. Whilst ensuring fire safety is the legal responsibility of the building owner, all occupants can help keep a building fire safe.

If you are a building or lot owner and you have any doubt about the safety of the cladding on your building you should have your building assessed by a qualified fire safety professional. If you are a tenant, contact the managing agent or landlord to find out what action they are taking.

The organisations listed here will all be able to refer owners and managing agents to an appropriate expert:

- Fire Protection Association – phone 1300 731 922 or www.fpaa.com.au/provider
- National Fire Industry Association – phone (07) 3882 6924 or www.nfla.com.au
- Engineers Australia – phone 1300 653 113 or www.engineersaustralia.org.au

The Taskforce will write again when there is further information available.

In the meantime, more information about cladding and fire safety is available on the Fair Trading website – www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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**Secretary
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