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Industry Welcomes Committee Report on Building Bill

The Housing Industry Association has welcomed the findings of the report from the *Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism* Inquiry into the Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

“It is pleasing that the Committee has recognised the concerns from HIA around the lack of initial consultation on the Bill, in its seven recommendations,” said HIA Executive Director for ACT and Southern NSW Greg Weller.

“Importantly, earlier discussion about the Bill could have allowed the drafters to address some of the valid questions that the industry, and now the Committee, have identified about the Bill.”

“HIA raised with the Committee a number of issues around the interaction between the Bill and current laws that have not been properly canvassed by the government. This includes how the proposed use of rectification orders will intersect with the Home Owners Warranty Insurance scheme.”

“It is a serious concern that the proposed laws are planned to apply to projects already completed, and we welcome the recommendation by the Committee that further explanation is provided by the government on this.”

“We urge the government to take a calm and considered approach to building reform. The Committee’s response today suggests that this is not what is happening.”

“What cannot be ignored is that the introduction of these laws is a response to building quality issues that have manifested over some time. The ACT Government needs to recognise that they play a critical role in managing and enforcing these laws and real change will only come from a partnership between industry and government.”

The report can viewed [here](#).

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