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Ms Janie Finlay MP
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By email: C\ - haprocedure@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Finlay

In the House of Assembly, you asked the following question:

My question is from Gabrielle, in Launceston. Gabrielle would like to understand why licenced building surveyors have not been provided with the same level of training and assistance that's been offered to local government council permit authorities in light of the recent delays regarding the legislation intended to postpone the implementation of the National Construction Code (NCC). It's important to highlight that building surveyors are the primary entities authorised to regulate compliance with the NCC under the Building Act 2016, whereas council permit authorities, despite their essential role, are not qualified or licenced to regulate the NCC and have more limited functions under the Act. With the NCC 2025 now adopted as of 1 May 2026, could you please advise when equivalent training will be made available for building surveyors so they are fully equipped to uphold their responsibilities?

Answer:

As you aware, the reason that the NCC 2025 was adopted in Tasmania on 1 May 2026 is that the Labor Party refused to support the Tasmanian Government's legislation to pause the implementation. The Labor Party has supported the additional red tape, complexity and costs for building caused by NCC 2025, which the Government wanted to prevent.

CBOS acknowledges the important role of licensed building surveyors under the *Building Act 2016* as the primary statutory decision-makers responsible for assessing compliance with the National Construction Code (NCC).

Prior to 1 May 2026, CBOS undertook a range of engagement activities across the building industry, including with building surveyors. This included consultation with the

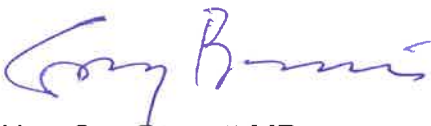
Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) on appropriate mechanisms to communicate changes to its members. Following this, CBOS presented to AIBS on 6 May 2026 to outline the effect of NCC 2025 adoption, provide an update on the Building Amendment Bill 2026, and respond to questions from building surveyors.

CBOS has maintained a dedicated NCC 2025 FAQ resource, informed by enquiries from building surveyors and broader industry stakeholders. This resource has been progressively updated.

Broader communications were also issued to industry, inviting feedback and questions throughout the transition period.

CBOS will continue to work with the AIBS and industry stakeholders to identify and provide further guidance where required to support the effective implementation of the NCC.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett'.

Hon Guy Barnett MP

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