

Appendix A
Summary of Business Interviews

	Business 1 403	Business 2 806	Business 3 1474	Business 4 1752	Business 5 662	Industry expert
Total number of building permits issued annually (06/07)						
Questions						
1 How many people do you employ in your business?	8	6	11	20	7	
2 What per cent of permits that you issue are domestic?	35% or 141 permits	70% or 564 permits	60% or 884 permits	60% or 1051 permits	70% or 463 permits	
3 Of the permits identified in question 2, what percentage of those are alterations/re-erections existing Class 1 buildings?	15-20% or 21-28 permits	40% 225 permits	15% or 132 permits	30% or 315 permits	40% or 185 permits	
4 Of the permits identified in question 3, and only in relation to energy efficiency, can you estimate the number that you consent to partial compliance?	1-2% or 1 permit	40% or 90 permits	2-3% or 2-4 permits	2% or 6 permits	20% or 37 permits	Estimated that, only in relation to energy efficiency, the number of permits industry receives for alterations/re-erection of Class 1 buildings that require consent to partial compliance would be 5%
5 Specifically relating to energy efficiency, what amount of time would be involved in administering this process?	2-3 hours per permit	30 minutes	45 minutes	1 hour	1 hour	
6 Does this vary in accordance with the scope of the proposed work?	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
7 (If yes) Can you give a range of the variation across minor and more extensive work?	Between 2-3 hours	15-30 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8 If you charge a 'per consent' basis for administering this process, what is that charge?	300	0	200	150	100	
9 Does this vary in accordance with the scope of the proposed work?	No	No	No	No	No	
10 (If yes) Can you give a range of the variation across minor and more extensive work?	0	0	0	0	0	
11 If you charge an hourly rate, what is the charge out rate that you would use?	\$120	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100	
12 If the proposed amendment to the BCA occurs, would you expect that the number of applications for building permits for alterations/re-erections where you use your discretion under Regulation 608 to increase?	Yes	No	No	No	No	No I expect the number would remain at 5%
13 (If yes) By what % increase?	80% or approximately an extra 1 permit	0	0	0	0	
14 Would you expect that the process you currently undertake when consenting to partial compliance will change?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
15 (If yes) What will change?	There will be more requirements to check when administering the process	N/A	There will be a marginal change involved in familiarisation of the new requirements	Need to get familiar with the 5 star report	Need to update the process and checklist for the file	
16 Specifically relating to sustainability, do you expect that it will take more time for you to administer your processes to consenting to partial compliance?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
17 (If yes) Why do you believe this is the case?	It will require significantly more checking to issue a consent to partial compliance	Familiarising themselves with the new requirements will take surveyors more time, this will however diminish over time.	Marginal change, there may be one more thing to check	N/A	N/A	
18 Can you estimate the additional amount of time that would be involved in administering this process?	2-3 hours	15 minutes	10 minutes	0 minutes	30 minutes	

Note 1: This data was collected and supplied to PricewaterhouseCoopers by the Building Commission for the purpose of this analysis.
Note 2: The industry expert was only asked specific questions where further clarification was required