



What you need to know about

the Building Advisory Council

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What is the Building Advisory Council?

The Building Advisory Council (BAC) is a senior industry based advisory group that advises the Minister for Planning on the administration of the *Building Act 1993 (the Act)* and *Building Regulations 1994 (the Regulations)*.

It also advises the Minister on the impact of the building regulatory system established by the Act and the Regulations, on issues relating to the building permit levy and any other matter referred by the Minister.

What areas does it provide advice on?

The BAC provides advice across a range of policy and regulatory issues. In recent times, it has provided advice on a number of important issues including:

- Research into building practitioner attitudes towards dispute resolution, resulting in input into legislative changes for builders warranty insurance
- Direction to the Minister and Building Commission regarding builders warranty insurance reforms and Building Advice and Conciliation Victoria
- The environmental control of domestic building construction sites with the aim of promoting standardised practices across municipalities in order to improve compliance and deliver lower costs to consumers and the building industry
- The need to address a potential shortage of building surveyors and building inspectors, and the implications for Local Government
- Guidance on the production and launch of a discussion paper relating to the reform of owner-builders
- Input into the Building Commission's legislative program.

Who are the members of BAC?

The value of BAC's advice lies in the breadth of the opinions it can canvas and consider in the preparation of its responses to policy and regulatory proposals. Members of the Council primarily achieve this breadth of opinion through proactive participation.

The Minister for Planning appoints the members of the BAC. The members comprise:

- An Independent Chairperson
- The Building Commissioner
- A nominee of the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
- A nominee of the Property Council of Australia
- A nominee of the Housing Industry Association
- The Plumbing Industry Commissioner
- A nominee of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects
- A nominee of the Master Builders Association of Victoria
- A representative from Engineers Australia (Vic)
- The Director, Consumer Affairs Victoria.

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