

Building surveyor immediately suspended to protect the public

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) has used its disciplinary powers to immediately suspend a registered building surveyor on public interest grounds.

The Authority took the action after discovering the building surveyor had failed to prevent the installation of combustible external wall cladding on five multi-storey buildings in Victoria.

The VBA's Executive Director, Operations, Mark Rossiter, said the building surveyor's repeated approval of dangerous building materials, along with a prior history of disciplinary action, created clear grounds for immediate suspension.

"The VBA's action will ensure this building surveyor cannot continue to sign off on non-compliant building work and jeopardise the safety of Victorians," Mr Rossiter said.

Section 180A (2A) of the *Building Act 1993* grants the VBA powers to immediately suspend a building practitioner's registration pending the completion of a show cause process, if the Authority considers such action to be in the public's interest.

Before issuing a suspension, the VBA must consider the practitioner's disciplinary record and whether their work poses a serious risk to the public or neighbouring properties.

The building surveyor must notify any clients with active building permits of their suspension. Owners impacted by this suspension can contact the VBA on 1300 815 127 for assistance.

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