More Lacrosse Building Practitioners to Face Disciplinary Action

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA), the regulator of the building and plumbing industries, has referred two more building practitioners involved in the building of the Lacrosse Apartments in Melbourne’s Docklands, for disciplinary action by the Building Practitioners Board (BPB).

Following a fire at the Lacrosse building which resulted in the evacuation of all residents, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) reviewed the cause of the fire and issued a Post Incident Analysis Report. The MFB report concluded that the external aluminium cladding on the building contributed to the spread of fire and did not comply with the Building Code of Australia (BCA). As a result, the VBA launched an investigation into the building practitioners involved.

The VBA investigation has already led to the Relevant Building Surveyor being referred to the BPB. In addition, the VBA also referred the conduct of the architect to the Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV) which is the regulatory body responsible for the conduct and discipline of architects.

Two more building practitioners will also be referred:

- Con Nicolas, the fire safety engineer who prepared a fire engineering report in relation to building work at the site, and
- Jim Moschoyiannis, the registered builder.

The VBA alleges that the three building practitioners - the builder, the building surveyor and the fire safety engineer - breached the Building Act and Regulations and failed to carry out their work in a competent manner and to a professional standard.

The VBA investigation into the conduct of the building practitioners involved in the Lacrosse building has now concluded.

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