

- x residential building inspections and dispute resolution;
- x plumbing regulation;
- x electrical and gas safety regulation;
- x strata building bond scheme;
- x building product safety;
- x building and construction security of payment scheme; and
- x engagement and strategic collaboration with local government.

Strong investigative powers conferred on the Building Commissioner will allow the Commissioner to monitor and scrutinise suspected incidents of wrongdoing in the industry. The Building Commissioner will also be empowered to take disciplinary action, such as suspending or cancelling registrations, and to order rectification of building work in circumstances of non-compliance.

Extend Licensing to Building Designers, Architects and Engineers

The majority of building professions in NSW are currently licenced or accredited, including certifiers, architects and tradespeople who complete residential building work valued at more than \$5,000.

As part of its response to the Shergold Weir Report, the NSW Government will require building designers, architects, engineers and other building practitioners who provide final designs and/or specifications of elements of buildings to declare that the building plans specify a building which will comply with the building regulations. The NSW Government will also require builders to declare that buildings are constructed in accordance with the building plans.

To ensure that building practitioners have the skills needed to complete the documentation to a high standard, the NSW Government will introduce registration schemes for currently unregistered designers (including engineers) and commercial builders who intend to make declarations. The registration schemes will be contingent on practitioners holding appropriate insurance and will be implemented following wide consultation.

Home Building Compensation Fund

The NSW Liberal National Government strives to continuously improve the Home Building Compensation Fund (HBC Fund) and put downward pressure on overall scheme cost without reducing protections for consumers. The NSW Government is working closely with industry, icare and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) to deliver more holistic upfront support for builders to mitigate risks that can lead to claims against home warranty insurance. The MBA and its members were involved in these constructive discussions and collaboration will continue throughout 2019.

Industry views, including those of the MBA, on options to better support builders, reduce risks, encourage good building practices and protect consumers are welcomed and will continue to be

- x 20% of all relevant trade positions on a project to be apprentices.

Cross Border Construction

The NSW Liberal National Government works closely with other jurisdictions at the Building