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Summary of Disciplinary Action

Registered Certifier	Registration Number	Disciplinary Ground and Summary		Disciplinary Action	Date of Decision
Scott O'Donohue	BDC1713	1. Engaged in unsatisfactory professional conduct under the Building Professionals Act 2005 (NSW). 2. Contravened the certification legislation under section 45(b) of the Building and Development Certifiers Act 2018 (NSW) (BDC Act). 3. Engaged in conduct in connection with the carrying out of certification work that has fallen short of the standard of competence, diligence and integrity that a member of the public is entitled to expect of a reasonably competent registered certifier under section 45(a) of the BDC Act. Between 6 December 2019 and 9 March 2020, contravened clause 145(1) of the EP&A Regulation by issuing 3 construction certificates for 3 residential apartment buildings in NSW to comply with the requirements of BCA 2016 when the applicable requirements were contained in BCA 2019.	2.	The Registered Certifier is reprimanded under section 48(1)(b) of the <i>Building and Development Certifiers Act 2018</i> . The Registered Certifier is required under section 48(1)(c) of the <i>Building and Development Certifiers Act 2018</i> to pay to the Respondent, as a penalty, \$8,000.00 within the period of time set out on the face of the notice to be issued by the Secretary pursuant to this order. The following conditions are imposed with immediate effect on the registration of the Registered Certifier for a period of three years from the date of imposition of these conditions under section 48(1)(d) of the <i>Building and Development Certifiers Act 2018</i> : 1. The Registered Certifier is required, within six (6) months of the imposition of this condition, to implement a documented compliance management system to ensure that the Registered Certifier complies with all relevant legislative obligations as they relate to carrying out functions as a registered certifier. The documented compliance management system is to meet the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 - Quality management systems.	8/04/2024
		Between 2 December 2020 and 16 April 2021, contravened the Code of Conduct by issuing:		2. The Registered Certifier is to continue to	

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•	2 IOCs for 2 residential apartment	
	buildings in NSW to comply with	
	the requirements of BCA 2016	
	when the applicable requirements	
	were contained in BCA 2019; and	

• 2 IOCs for 2 residential apartment buildings in NSW with inadequate certification documentation with respect to a range of matters, including fire safety, soundproofing, waterproofing, plumbing, and structural elements.

- implement and regularly review (at least once a year) the documented compliance management system referred to in (1); and
- 3. The Registered Certifier must store and retain records of compliance with (1) and (2) above and provide those records on request to the Secretary.