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Building Stronger Foundations Discussion Paper

Dear Stronger Foundations consultation staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the *Building Stronger Foundations* Discussion Paper.

The Australian Construction Industry Forum (ACIF) welcomes that NSW Government is trying to improve building regulations in NSW, and that it is consulting with industry on this important issue.

ACIF circulated the discussion paper early in the process to its member associations, and has several times encouraged its members to lodge submissions. No doubt ACIF members will have diverse views on the discussion paper and its questions.

ACIF does have some concerns that there has not been enough consultation time on such proposed important changes to the industry. ACIF also understands that the proposed NSW Building Commissioner will have around four staff and no enforcement powers. If this is correct, it must be questioned how effective the proposed Building Commissioner will be.

Regardless, ACIF and its members wish to play a positive role in this process, and are ready to provide further feedback if requested.

Yours sincerely,

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