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**BUILDING STRONGER FOUNDATIONS – DISCUSSION PAPER
STRATHFIELD COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE DISCUSSION PAPER**

Strathfield Council thanks the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation for the opportunity to provide these comments.

The NSW Government has released the NSW Government Response to the Shergold Weir Building Confidence Report ("the Response") in February 2019 and the Building Confidence Report – Implementation Plan ("the Implementation Plan") in June 2019 in response to the Shergold Weir Building Confidence Report ("the BC Report").

It is encouraging that the NSW Government is progressing, partially completed or completed twenty recommendations of the BC Report. However, media reports of defective and damaged buildings have increased since the release of the Implementation Report, and public confidence is waning. As the BC Report notes *"Without clear and accountable compliance procedures, public confidence in the ability of governments to oversee a performance-based building and construction industry will be eroded."*

In this regard Strathfield Council recommends the NSW Government implement all twenty-four recommendations of the Shergold Weir Building Confidence Report.

Yours faithfully,

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