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**From:**

**Sent:** Sunday, 21 July 2019 5:53 PM

**To:** Webform Anderson

**Subject:** Extend Submission Date for Building Defects Investigation to 30 September 2019



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<b>Subject</b>	Extend Submission Date for Building Defects Investigation to 30 September 2019
<b>Type of Enquiry</b>	invite
<b>Message</b>	<p>Dear Minister</p> <p>I am leading a change.org campaign to extend the current NSW State Government submission date to 30 September 2019 for the Building Defects Enquiry.</p> <p>As you know the matter is of national significance and the petition is addressed primarily to you but also to the Federal Minister for Industry Karen Andrews as well as other liberal and labour interests as I feel it should be a bi-partisan matter.</p> <p>Here is the call to action with the change.org campaign which is on this link: <a href="http://chnq.it/YRZpqhsD">http://chnq.it/YRZpqhsD</a></p> <p>The current situation with dangerous building defects in the Australian</p>

multi-apartment sector is dire.

Apartment owners fear the worst, from structural failure and imminent fire to potential evacuation of their apartment block. This situation could even be life threatening and the tragic memory of Grenfell (2017) and Bankstown (2012) still haunts us (see the photo chronology of key events above).

This petition exposes the inadequate time period that the State Government and Department of Fair Trading have given for the public and industry to assess their recent response to the building defects situation and for people to make a meaningful response. The petition seeks an extension of time for the response to 30 September 2019 (an extra two months).

#### Background

There have been several reports to the NSW State Government over the past five years with the latest being the Shergold-Weir Report in February 2018. The industry and public have been waiting for a government response and finally it has come but with little public awareness and fanfare and now within an inadequate time frame.

The Government response is in the form of two initiatives:

The first is the sudden Dept of Fair Trading 'Building Stronger Foundations' paper which addresses the Shergold-Weir report of February 2018 and provides a submission portal see:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/have-your-say/building-stronger-foundations/>

and

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/consultation-tool/building-stronger-foundations>

The second is the NSW Legislative Council Accountability Committee inquiry see:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2540#tab-otherdocuments>

These are long awaited responses and now the public and industry and others have been given only a month since late June to respond. The media campaign by both the Department of Fair Trading and the NSW State Government have been totally inadequate to gain the necessary reach for a life threatening issue that is close to the heart of all Australians. After all, everyone has a loved one who lives in an apartment somewhere who may not be sleeping well over this.

The second initiative was only media released on the 4th July 2019 and the portal released on the 10th July.

#### Call to Action

This petition seeks an extension of time to allow for a three month minimum submission process to allow for adequate public and industry response. Extend the date from the current 29 July 2019 to 30 September 2019.

Sincerely  
Jon Drane

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#### Attachments

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I would like a response	Yes
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**I would like to receive  
regular updates from the  
NSW Government**

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Yes