

THE ASSOCIATION OF  
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To whom it may concern ,

The Association of Wall & Ceiling Industries of NSW (AWCINSW) support the fire safety changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

The AWCINSW does have serious concerns that the current changes only cover:

- Hydraulic fire safety systems
- Fire detection and alarm systems
- Mechanical ducted smoke control systems

The AWCINSW believe that there is currently insufficient rigor with regard to the installation of passive fire systems and that installers of these life saving systems are not sufficiently licensed, trained, supervised or audited at the time of the actual installation.

The AWCINSW understands that further reforms are anticipated to improve the rigor in certification and we believe our Association needs to be involved in consultation of these reforms. As the key industry association for installers of passive fire systems, our Association has hands on experience and knowledge that will provide benefit to the consultation process. We don't believe the NSW Government will have sufficient representation of the installation of the passive fire systems process if our association is not included in the consultation process.

The AWCINSW would like to see a program whereby installers are required to document and provide evidence that a passive fire system has been installed correctly and within the industry guidelines. The AWCINSW work with their members to encourage installers to document stages of installation that a building certifier and building occupiers can be confident the passive fire system has been adequately installed, however without any form of licensing or audit at the installation stage this is very ambiguous to the certifiers/end consumer.

The AWCINSW provide training for passive fire installation however this is a voluntary process and unless there is mandatory requirements, the majority of builders will avoid the training or auditing costs associated.

Yours sincerely,

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