



12 May 2016

Director, Policies and System Implementation  
NSW Department of Planning & Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001  
*Via email: codes@planning.nsw.gov.au*

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: REVIEW OF COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT FOR INLAND NSW**

The AIBS is recognised nationally and internationally as the peak professional body representing building surveying practitioners in Australia and has been granted the charter to be recognised as the Australian Chapter of the International Codes Council (ICC), a global council dedicated to developing model codes and standards for the design, build and compliance process resulting in safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient buildings which benefit public safety and industry needs.

The AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the background paper, a *Review Of Complying Development For Inland NSW* and provide feedback below.

The AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter commends the Department's recognition of the differences between development in regional and metropolitan areas.

The AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter have reviewed the proposed Inland Code and supports the intent of the code and particularly the use of plain English language, tables and diagrams.

The AIBS NSW/ACT Chapter is concerned that the text of the document is misleading. The description that the code applies to those local authorities areas west of the Divide, is not correct as areas such as Dungog and Singleton are certainly not west of the Divide. It is also considered that as large parts of many other local authority areas, for example Tenterfield and Glenn Innes Severn are in fact east of the Divide. The descriptive part of the text should to be removed and replaced by a reference to the "areas shown on the map", otherwise many reading the document may switch off if they are east of the Divide and consider the document does not refer to them.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the AIBS Office if you require any clarification or further explanation of any part of this feedback. AIBS looks forward to providing further comment and assistance as this matter is developed.

Yours faithfully  
Australian Institute of Building Surveyors – NSW/ACT Chapter

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian O'Shannassy', written over a horizontal line.

**Damian O'Shannassy, FAIBS**  
Chapter President – NSW/ACT

**Australian Institute of Building Surveyors**  
Ground Floor, 15 Bridge Street, Pymble NSW 2073  
Tel: 1300 312 427 ABN: 53 004 540 836  
chapteradmin1@aibs.com.au

**aibs.com.au**