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Building Productivity Commission PO Box 80 BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Dear Sir/Madam

Reform of Building Regulation Submission in response to the Productivity Commission Draft Research Report

I refer to the Productivity Commission's Draft Research Report on the Reform of Building Regulation and the roundtable meeting in Sydney on Tuesday, 14 September 2004. ICA welcomes the Report and the opportunity for further comment.

On behalf of its member companies, ICA expresses the strong desire to have representation on the Board of the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).

ICA believes that due to the need to raise the standards of the Building Code of Australia, we require urgent representation on the Board of the ABCB. This would ensure the appropriate consultation with all stakeholders is undertaken, for example in relation to the purposes of asset protection.

ICA also supports the Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC) holding representation on the Board of the ABCB.

ICA awaits the final report in due course.

Yours faithfully

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