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### **National Building Regulatory Reform Review**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the study into the contribution that national building regulatory reform, under the auspices of the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), has made to the productivity of the building and construction industry and to economic efficiency in Australia.

The Association would like to express strong support for the work conducted by the ABCB to date and hopes that it will continue to develop its activities over the coming years. The Board plays a vital role in bringing a nationally co-ordinated approach to the technical regulation of buildings in Australia. This is of significant benefit to the country, particularly as it reduces the overlap on technical requirements between jurisdictions. The fact that the States/Territories are not all acting independently in attempting to do the same thing yields tangible cost savings and efficiencies. Without the ABCB it is felt that there would no longer be a coordinated approach to the technical requirements for the construction of buildings.

As well as the reduction in overlap between jurisdictions and the cost benefits and efficiencies that flow from this, a nationally coordinated approach has enhanced the portability of building skills that enable building practitioners to work in any State/Territory without impediment. It also fosters mutual recognition between the different jurisdictions and ensures a coordinated approach for the development of technical requirements in the BCA. The ABCB has also made a significant contribution to the professional development and technical training of building practitioners through its various conference and seminar programs and should be commended for pursuing continued building reform.

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The Association recognises and supports the work of the ABCB in developing and consolidating national standards that have been incorporated into the Building Code and expresses a profound hope that it will continue in this vein into the future.

Yours sincerely



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