

# FACT SHEET

## Expression of Interest process for fast-tracked cladding rectification

This Fact Sheet provides advice to original builders of residential buildings in Cladding Safety Victoria's scope who may be eligible to participate the fast-tracked rectification program.

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### **About Victoria's cladding rectification project**

Cladding Safety Victoria is delivering the Victorian Government's \$600 million investment to make higher-risk buildings with flammable cladding safer.

This plan was originally designed to rectify about 100 buildings a year for five years. As part of this fast-tracked process, Cladding Safety Victoria expects to have 400 rectification projects underway in the next two years.

### **Using original builders to fast-track cladding rectification**

Cladding Safety Victoria is supporting construction industry jobs in the wake of COVID-19 by getting works underway on more buildings much sooner.

Our new model will allow original builders of good standing to complete work on their own projects at no profit.

This will provide a guaranteed pipeline of construction work to the building and property sector – who employ almost one in ten Victorians.

This plan also responds to calls from the building sector for more industry involvement in finding solutions for combustibile cladding.

Cladding Safety Victoria acknowledges the significant contribution to be made by the building and construction industry in Victoria's economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19.

### **Builder eligibility**

Builders will be assessed on their disciplinary history, demonstrated capacity to develop complex and quality projects and willingness to participate in an open-book process.

Participation in this process is broken down into two phases:

### **Phase one**

Cladding Safety Victoria will write to select original builders to gauge their interest in rectifying past projects that are in-scope for cladding rectification.

Practitioners should respond in writing to Cladding Safety Victoria within 14 days outlining their intention to participate.

The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) will then assess eligibility. The builder must meet requirements of the DTF's Residential Cladding Rectification Register (see below).

### **Phase two**

Builders approved by DTF will progress to phase two.

Cladding Safety Victoria will issue a formal expression of interest and confidentiality deed. The builder is invited to submit a rectification proposal which must include:

- a timeframe for rectification
- a plan to repair existing structural defects (at the builder's own cost)
- a safety management plan
- details about replacement cladding products
- a cladding waste disposal plan

If accepted, the builder then enters into a funding agreement with Cladding Safety Victoria and the building's owners formally engage the builder.

### **Building owners**

The building's Owners Corporation (OC) must approve of the original builder rectifying their building.

Cladding Safety Victoria works with OCs at each stage of the rectification process and will seek consent for the original builder to return to the building.

Each building presents its own unique set of challenges, and decisions around participation in the program are complex and will be made on a case-by-case basis.

### **Unwilling or ineligible builders**

A builder does not have to accept the opportunity to take part in Cladding Safety Victoria's fast-tracked rectification program. In instances where practitioners are found to have done the wrong thing, they will be subject to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) cost recovery process.

### **About the Residential Cladding Rectification Register (RCRR)**

The RCRR is a pre-qualification register for the construction industry. It is available for Cladding Safety Victoria and the owners of residential buildings found to have flammable cladding to source suitable practitioners.



More information about the register is available at: [www.dtf.vic.gov.au/infrastructure-investment/residential-cladding-rectification-register](http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/infrastructure-investment/residential-cladding-rectification-register).

### **More information**

Cladding Safety Victoria CEO Dan O'Brien will be hosting webinar sessions through the Master Builders Association for their members in July. Builders are encouraged to attend and will be able to ask questions.

To contact Cladding Safety Victoria, please email [support@claddingsafety.vic.gov.au](mailto:support@claddingsafety.vic.gov.au) and the person best placed to respond to your query will be in touch.