

Cladding Roundtable Resolution

Official list of participants who signed off on the Resolution:

Samantha Ratnam MLC, Tim Read MP, Elizabeth Taylor (owner and resident, Coburg), Jeremie Renard (resident and owner, West Melbourne), Barbara Francis (convenor of We Live Here, resident and owner, Docklands), Simon Lockrey (owner, Brunswick & RMIT Senior Lecturer), Andy White (resident and owner, Brunswick), owner and resident in Preston, and owner and resident in Brunswick

- Also in attendance as an expert (note: did not sign off on resolution): Johnathon Barnett (from Basic Expert), Natalie Abboud (Mayor of Moreland)

The Cladding Roundtable participants:

Note that:

- (1) Flammable cladding on buildings across Victoria poses a threat to residents' safety and wellbeing.
- (2) Three buildings in Victoria have already had dangerous fires due to flammable cladding.
- (3) Victorian Local Councils have worked with the Victorian Cladding Taskforce and later the VBA to identify hundreds of buildings (and thousands of people) at risk and a number of rectification notices have been issued, however there is little support for residents and owners for removing and replacing the risky cladding.
- (4) The Roundtable identified a range of problems with the current situation and Cladding Rectification Scheme (CRS) and how residents/owners can be supported more effectively, and this list is available upon request.
- (5) The government's current approach to the crisis is ineffective and unworkable and is leaving residents and owners uncertain and fearful. Residents face substantial costs to rectify their buildings, increased insurance costs and loss of value in their homes, while not one loan has been issued under any Cladding Rectification Agreements (CRS).
- (6) The cladding crisis was due to a failure of regulation; residents and owners purchased homes in good faith, believing that they met appropriate standards when it is now clear they did not.
- (7) The certainty of the financial burden greatly outweighs the theoretical risk of arson associated with owning or living in an affected building, therefore a consultation with affected residents/owners about whether the list of buildings should be made public should be conducted.

And calls for:

- (8) An urgent inquiry into the cladding crisis to give affected residents, owners and the community certainty about the situation and to identify a fair and effective solution.
- (9) The Victorian State Government to promptly fund full rectification works for buildings identified as 'unacceptable risk' due to the presence of flammable cladding, and recoup the costs from those who created the problem.

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