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**THE INDUSTRY HAS
HAD 5 YEARS TO
COURSE CORRECT...**



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Last week, I had the pleasure of spending time with our fearless Building Commissioner at the Chinese Building Association's CEO Luncheon. From that session, I identified, as David Chandler called it, **"some of the fault lines that still need to be fixed"** even though it has had 5 years to course correct.

The key message from government remains the same: ***"to unlock more housing supply, we want to establish a fit-for-purpose building regulator to be the cop on the beat"***. In doing so, ***"we must never sacrifice quality for the sake of quantity"***.

Scroll through and see my top 5 hit list...



1 MILITARY GRADE INTEL TO TARGET DODGY PLAYERS

To find the 10–20% of the building projects that are still highly risky, builders marked as a 'red flag' during their Home Building Act licence renewal or Design and Building Practitioner licence renewal will be easily identified by the Commission and have a higher chance of their construction site being spot audited.



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2 TIMES UP! CALL IT.

For directors of building companies, make sure your building practitioners' licence is active throughout the project. I have seen too many instances where they expire, and it holds up procurement of the occupation certificate. You do not want to be engaged in unlicensed building work through an administrative oversight.

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3 REGULATED DESIGNS: GET DOWN ON IT

There has been substantial delay in obtaining occupation certificates because developers and builders are not getting updated Regulated Designs for changes during construction. We recommend on-going engagement and consultation with your architect, key engineers and certifiers throughout the project lifecycle.



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4 CLASS(ES) OF 2024

50-100 developers a year are estimated to move from the Class 1 to Class 2 space (up to 6 stories). If this is you, please ensure you properly educate yourself, know the right codes and standards that apply and obtain the correct licences.

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So the message is clear:
we mustn't sacrifice
quality over quantity.
Get educated and don't
take shortcuts.
And if you need to know
more, reach out to
my team.



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