

# Building and Plumbing Newsflash 605

Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC)  
Governance Review report and Government response  
released

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## Purpose

To advise about the release of the:

- QBCC Governance Review report
- Government response to the QBCC Governance Review report

## Background

Through the Queensland Building Plan Update 2021 and as a part of the Queensland Government's comprehensive suite of building industry reforms that have been rolling out since 2017, a commitment was made to conduct an independent review of the governance arrangements of the QBCC.

In November 2021, the Department of Energy and Public Works (the department) commissioned Mr Jim Varghese AM, a well-respected professional and Chancellor of Torrens University, to lead an independent review into the QBCC's governance arrangements.

The review examined the roles and responsibilities of the QBCC and Queensland Building and Construction (QBC) Board, along with the policies, procedures, and practices to ensure the QBCC's governance arrangements reflect best practice for a regulator of this kind.

The review also builds on the work already undertaken by the QBCC to improve procedures and systems as it transitions into being an insights-driven regulator and review its dispute resolution and decision-making processes.

## QBCC Review report

On 12 May 2022 Mr Varghese, presented the department his review report, which includes his review findings and makes recommendations that aim to support the QBCC to transition into an insights-driven, client and outcomes focused regulator.

The review report makes 17 recommendations with accompanying actions to provide a pathway to effective implementation.

The report's 17 recommendations are categorised into seven key themes:

- Structure and processes
- Decision-making
- Organisational transformation
- Strategy and planning
- Capability and culture
- Performance
- Implementation

Collectively the 17 recommendations intend to deliver a more customer and outcomes-focused building and construction industry regulator.

## Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government welcomes the report and on the Honourable Mick de Brenni MP Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement has now released the government's response to the report.

The Queensland Government supports, or supports in principle, all of the 17 recommendations. It is committed to addressing the lead reviewer's findings and implementing reforms that reflect the outcomes sought by the recommendations.

An implementation committee had already been established to effect changes spanning the QBCC's structure, systems, capability, culture, processes and performance.

<https://www.epw.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/qbcc-governance-review/next-steps>

## More information

Further information about this review, including a copy of the QBCC Governance Review report, and the government's response to the report, are available on the department's website at [QBCC Governance review | Department of Energy and Public Works](#).

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