



Press release

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Improving building and housing regulations to remove unnecessary compliance and business costs

Public submissions are now open on the Regulatory Systems (Building and Housing) Amendment Bill. This proposed law seeks to avoid regulatory failure by updating existing legislation to improve effectiveness and efficiency in the areas of building and housing.

The Bill is 1 of a package of 3 omnibus Bills updating legislation administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The Bill proposes to:

- Clarify and reduce unnecessary compliance burdens by updating the Unit Titles Act 2010 in relation to:
 - unit plans
 - body corporate operational rules
 - reassessment of ownership interests and utility interests
 - the registration of easements and covenants
 - leases and licenses of common property
 - extraordinary general meetings of body corporates.
- Improve the quality of the Building Act 2004 by updating cross-referencing errors and repealing a redundant provision.

Scott Simpson MP, Chair of the Local Government and Environment Committee, said: "The Bill looks to make some technical amendments to enhance the efficiency of existing Acts. We're looking forward to hearing whether New Zealanders agree that this Bill achieves this."

Have your say to the Local Government and Environment Committee and tell them what you think

[Send your submission on the bill](#) by midnight on 2 December 2016.



For more details about the bill, visit the Parliament website:

- [Read the Regulatory Systems \(Building and Housing\) Amendment Bill](#)
- [What's been said in Parliament about the bill](#)
- [The Local Government and Environment committee's Facebook page](#)

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