

Appendix C:

About this limited assurance review

Review objective To determine if VBA is effectively responding to recent recommendations to improve its performance to meet contemporary standards for a best-practice regulator.

Review scope To form our conclusion against the review objective we addressed the following criteria:

- Has VBA identified, planned and prioritised actions to meaningfully address the recommendations from relevant reviews?
- Is VBA identifying risks, barriers and appropriate mitigation strategies associated with addressing recommendations from relevant reviews?
- Is VBA monitoring and reviewing its progress in addressing recommendations from relevant reviews?

We did not assess the basis for the recommendations from the recent reviews and the circumstances that led to those reviews.

Agencies we included in this review We included the following agencies in our review:

Agency	Key responsibilities
VBA	VBA is the statutory authority to promote efficient and competitive building and plumbing industries in Victoria. Specifically, its role is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• register, license and discipline building practitioners• inspect building and plumbing work• manage complaints about building and plumbing work• investigate, audit and enforce compliance with the <i>Building Act 1993</i>, <i>Building Regulations 2018</i> and the <i>Plumbing Regulations 2018</i>• oversee building surveyors' work and Victoria's building permit system• do statewide cladding audits with Cladding Safety Victoria to identify the extent of noncompliant combustible cladding in Victoria.

Department of Transport and Planning The Department of Transport and Planning's building division advises the Victorian Government on legislation, regulations and policies associated with the building sector.

The scope of our review did not include the Department of Transport and Planning. We only examined VBA.

Our methods As part of this review we:

- got attestations from VBA on its progress against all the targets and recommendations
- assessed VBA's progress in implementing the targets and recommendations, including by collecting relevant evidence.

Compliance

We conducted our review in accordance with the *Audit Act 1994* and ASAE 3500 *Performance Engagements* to obtain limited assurance to provide a basis for our conclusion.

We complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements related to assurance engagements.

We also provided a copy of the report to the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Cost and time

The full cost of the review and preparation of this report was \$325,000.

The duration of the review was 6 months from initiation to tabling.
