

Appendix E:

Progress against selected Stage One Report recommendations

Figure E1 lists selected recommendations from the Stage One Report. It also outlines VBA's attested status against them and our assessment.

Figure E1: VBA's progress against selected recommendations from the Stage One Report

No.	Selected recommendation	VAGO theme	VBA's attested status	VAGO's assessed status
Recommendation 2: Enforce and improve requirements for documentation across the building lifecycle to improve accountability and transparency.				
1	There is a significant opportunity to expand the recently developed Building Activity Management System (BAMS) to support a consistent approach to lodging and tracking documentation across a building project. The Panel recommends that BAMS is integrated with the VBA's other standalone systems to better enable data analysis.	Modernising information and data systems	Not started	Not started
Recommendation 11: Actively support the improvement of the VBA's capacity so that it is a contemporary best practice regulator.				
The Panel recommends that the VBA continue to build on recent improvements and investments to lift its performance to meet contemporary standards for a best practice regulator.				
2	The Panel recommends that the VBA take steps to further develop transparent public reporting on achievements against targets for key priorities, such as its inspection, registration and disciplinary functions – this would build on its recent publishing of Quarterly Proactive Inspection Reports.	Ensuring compliance and enforcing standards	In progress	In progress
3	The Panel recommends that the VBA take steps to enhance responsiveness for both proactive compliance and non-compliance and disciplinary matters referred to it, by publishing performance targets and reporting on achievements.	Ensuring compliance and enforcing standards	In progress	In progress
4	The Panel recommends that the VBA take steps to further invest in a risk-based and intelligence-led audit and inspections regime which includes a renewed approach to the auditing of building surveyors.	Ensuring compliance and enforcing standards	In progress	In progress
5	The Panel recommends that the VBA take steps to improve the collecting and sharing of information with other bodies with co-regulatory responsibilities.	Promoting good practices across the sector	In progress	In progress

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Recommendation 13: Introduce measures to strengthen the building approvals process for all projects.				
The Panel recommends a series of changes to begin in the short term. In conjunction with Recommendations 1–12—particularly those to enhance practitioner accountability, document quality, information sharing and regulatory oversight—these changes will help to provide improvements in the short term to the building approvals process for all projects.				
6	The Panel proposes that a new system for auditing of building surveyors is introduced. This should focus on areas identified as significant risks, such as conflicts of interest, and the consistency and quality of building documentation. The way in which this auditing is undertaken could include recognition of professional associations' auditing systems (subject to them meeting rigorous ongoing standards).	Modernising information and data systems	In progress	In progress
7	The Panel proposes that the VBA renew its risk-based targeted inspection audit program with a greater focus on class 2 to 9 buildings.	Ensuring compliance and enforcing standards	In progress	In progress
8	The Panel proposes that the VBA establish a priority project team to address existing orphan permits.	Ensuring compliance and enforcing standards	Completed	Completed
9	The Panel proposes that a protocol between the VBA and councils be finalised to ensure clarity of roles and responsibilities about compliance and enforcement.	Ensuring compliance and enforcing standards	In progress	In progress

Source: The Stage One Report, VBA and VAGO.