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Good afternoon

Shaping the building regulatory system in a way that meets our current and future needs requires a close working relationship with our key stakeholders.

The Building System Performance (BSP) branch at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) uses a four-part framework to think about the building system. People, processes, products and performance standards must operate together effectively if New Zealand is to have a modern, world-class building regulatory system.

BSP is currently working on a number of projects and initiatives aimed at transforming the performance of the building sector, whilst also ensuring the regulatory system works as it should. Please find attached an overview of some of these.

In particular, we are supporting the Government's KiwiBuild programme by developing and implementing a skills strategy for the sector, enabling an efficient consenting process that allows for innovation, and considering the allocation of risk and liability.

To assist your knowledge and planning, our managers and their key initiatives are:

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- Risk and Liability
- Review of building product regulatory and assurance system
- Occupational Regulation
 - Improvements to the Licensed Building Practitioner scheme
 - Licensing of safety critical engineering work
 - Review of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers (PGD) Act
- CodeMark improvement work

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- Smarter Compliance Pathways
- Building Code – regular maintenance updates
- Proposed amendments to the Existing Concrete Buildings (C5) section within the Engineering Assessment Guidelines of the Earthquake Prone Building legislation
- Proposed changes to the Building Code 'C' clause – Acceptable Solution and Verification Methods

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- More Efficient Consenting
- Guide to Accessible Buildings development

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- Skills Strategy and Action Plan

Over the coming weeks, you will hear from one (or more) of our managers regarding specific projects and initiatives – either currently underway or about to begin - where your input, expertise and engagement will help us shape the building regulatory system.

This input could take the form of:

- a) Face-to-face or telephone meetings
- b) Some workshops / focus groups
- c) Some projects will involve formal consultation.

Please ensure the information in this letter and attachment is shared with those in your organisation as appropriate.

If you need more information in the meantime, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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