



Minutes of Meeting

Meeting No. 2

Date	Friday, 22 June 2018 at 3.00pm
Venue	Kardi Munaintya room, Ground Floor, 50 Flinders Street, Adelaide
Members	Alan Taylor (Chair), Debbie Frisby, Gavin Leydon, Jeffrey Shillabeer, Joanne Payne, Nages Karuppiah, Dini Soulio
In Attendance	Anita Allen (Item 2.2) Wayne Hutchinson, Chris Powell and Penny Pearce (all Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure)
Presenters	Anita Allen, Wayne Hutchinson and Chris Powell

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 Welcome and apologies, including contact details

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.02 pm.

The Chair welcomed all members in attendance to the Building Committee meeting, and noted the apologies of Nages Karuppiah and Jodie Evans.

1.2 Minutes from previous meeting

Previous minutes were endorsed.

1.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

2. STATUTORY MATTERS

2.1 Terms of Reference

The Commission discussed its current Terms of Reference (ToR) and agreed to broaden these to include additional responsibilities to:

- provide advice to the South Australian representative on the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB),
- endorse building-related Practice Guidelines and Practice Directions issued under the new Act, and
- provide advice as necessary on Building Advisory Notices issued by DPTI.

The Committee also noted the proposal to broaden its ToR to include the role of the Building Fire Safety Committee (BFSC) for Out of Council areas, which is currently performed by the State Planning Commission.

The Committee recommended that rather than adopting this approach, that a separate specialist Committee be established to undertake this role, with the potential for members of the Building Committee to be on this new Committee.

2.2 Planning Reform Presentation

The Committee noted the update on planning reform provided by Anita Allen (DPTI).

ACTION - The Committee requested a regular update on progress of Planning Reform at each future meeting.

2.3 BMF Expert Assessment Final Report

The Committee discussed the findings and the recommendations of the BMF Expert Assessment Final Report, which received in-principle approval at the 28 April 2018 Building Ministers' Forum (BMF).

The Committee noted that direction on the recommendations would be subject to further consideration at the next BMF meeting (10 August 2018), and the potential interaction between recommendations and the implementation of the new Act.

The Committee identified recommendations 9 to 11 concerning the integrity of building surveyors, and recommendation 18 relating to mandatory inspections, as high priority areas presenting opportunities for reform.

The Committee agreed to further investigate how implementation of the recommendations would take place in the local context, to be supported by a more detailed implementation plan (noting links to Item 2.4).

The Committee also noted the importance of education forming part of any compliance model.

2.4 Building Committee Work Program

The Building Committee considered and endorsed its draft Work Program as prepared by DPTI.

The Committee noted the purpose of the Work Program is to set out responsibilities of the Committee to assist the broader delivery of the Government's portfolio objectives, with a focus on supporting the supporting the implementation of the new Act.

The Committee endorsed Work Program contains three components:

- To adopt a broad oversight and advisory role of the DPTI-led 'Building Reform Program', which is supporting the implementation of building related elements under the Act.
- To undertake an oversight advisory role in relation to the development of new Inspection Policy required under the Act, with recommendations to be made to the Commission on proposed options, preferred model and implementation.
- To have responsibility for oversight of the implementation of the recommendations of the BMF Expert Assessment, as these pertain to South Australian context (links to Item 2.3), subject to further agreement at the national level.

The Committee noted that the endorsed Work Program would be provided to the State Planning Commission for its final endorsement at an upcoming Commission meeting.

2.5 Adaptive Re-Use

The Committee noted the topic of adaptive re-use is of current interest to the State Planning Commission, and that consideration of this issue may be warranted in the near future.

The Committee noted that DPTI would approach the Commission for further advice.

2.6 Proposed meeting schedule

The Committee agreed to meet on a bi-monthly basis on Wednesday, from 3 to 5pm, with the next meeting scheduled for 22 August 2018.

The Committee considered the bi-monthly schedule would allow it to undertake its core business but also noted that out of session approval of certain items may be required.

Ratification of these minutes by the State Planning Commission will endorse this meeting model

3. OPERATIONAL MATTERS

3.1 Building Policy Unit update

The Committee noted the update provided by Wayne Hutchinson (DPTI) on the activities of the Building Policy Unit, including:

- Progress being made on the National Construction Code (NCC) Variations Reduction project underway to inform the 2019 NCC.
- An update on the Building Cladding Audit.
- That the next BMF meeting is scheduled to be held on 10 August 2018 in Adelaide.

The Committee expressed thanks to DPTI for the work it is undertaking both in relation to the cladding audit, and efforts to minimise variations under the 2019 NCC.

3.2 Draft Advisory Notices Building (Advisory Notices)

The Committee considered the two draft Advisory Notices provided in relation to:

- Private bushfire shelters, and
- Laundry facilities in residential buildings,

Private bushfire shelters

- The Committee supported the broad content of the Notice, and requested some minor adjustments to the wording.
- The Committee advised that they considered the Advisory Notice to be proportionate and appropriate.

Laundry facilities in residential buildings

- The Committee supported the broad content of the Notice, and requested some adjustments to the wording.

- The Committee noted that there needed to be clarity around the definition of waterproof and water resistant.

DISCUSSION

The Committee commended DPTI on developing these Advisory Notices.

Where possible, Advisory Notices should:

- include diagrams to assist with interpretation and application,
- clarify whether the issue is being discussed in the context of deemed to satisfy', 'performance solutions' solutions or both.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Minister's Code on Undertaking Development in Bushfire Protection Areas

The Committee discussed an additional item in relation to this Code.

ACTION – DPTI to prepare a report for a future meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING

The Committee resolved to meet again on 22 August 2018, noting the requirement to meet within two weeks if a statutory meeting is required.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.15 pm.