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Update on cladding audit

The Hodgman Liberal Government is taking action to ensure that the use of Aluminium Composite Panel (ACP) cladding with a polyethylene core is prevented on a range of building types until new safety and compliance measures are established and implemented.

This is consistent with a coordinated approach agreed to at a recent Building Ministers Forum and follows concerns over the use of ACP in Australia following the tragic Grenfell Tower fire in London.

The power to approve or not approve products was built into the Government's recent building reform package so that we could respond quickly to emerging issues. This will be the first time it has been used for a group of building products.

The Tasmanian Government commenced an audit process in August to identify the use of ACP in Tasmanian buildings.

I am advised that of the 43 buildings identified for audit across Tasmania, the audit has already verified that the majority are safe and compliant with the National Construction Code (NCC). The audit team continues to work through the remaining buildings identified in order to assess compliance. To date no non-compliant use of ACP has been identified.

The only Government-owned building which is still being assessed is the Launceston General Hospital, which had cladding installed from 2012 under the previous Labor-Green Government.

While the investigation is not yet complete the initial assessment is that it is safe to use these buildings.