

From the Editor

Welcome to the 35th issue of BuildLaw® in which we draw on the experience and expertise of leading experts in the field to bring you commentary, articles and reviews on topical matters relating to construction law.

In this issue we feature an article on the warning apartment owners may take from the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Body Corporate 573368 v Otway*. This decision creates some financial uncertainty for owners who could now be liable for repair costs to units other than their own. We also look at the limitations of a Professional's obligations when working for free, the trials and tribulations of expert witnesses and we investigate the Queensland's Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017. Sarah Holderness and Nick Gillies discuss ten guidelines the government could consider in it's approach to construction contracts and we look at the proposed new government procurement rules.

In 'Case in Brief' Laura and Kate Badcock look at the impact of the recent decision in *M Davenport Builders Limited v Greer & Anor* [2019] EWHC 318 (TCC) and how this works in the New Zealand context.

On page 43 Catherine Green reviews Charles O'Neil's exciting new book: *Global Construction Success*.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our contributors. We are most grateful for the support we receive from dispute resolution professional, law firms, and publishers, locally and overseas, that allows us to share with you papers and articles of a world class standard, and to bring you a broad perspective on the law and evolving trends in the delivery and practice of domestic and international dispute resolution and construction law.

Contributions of articles, papers and commentary for future issues of Buildlaw® are always welcome. I do hope you find this issue interesting and useful. Please feel free to distribute BuildLaw® to your friends and colleagues – they are most welcome to contact us if they wish to receive our publications directly.

Warmest regards,



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