

From the Editor

John Green



Welcome to the 43rd 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.

It has been a time of uncertainty throughout New Zealand and the world. In a bid to inject a small amount of certainty back, the Building Disputes Tribunal has extended its fixed fee low value claim scheme for adjudications to include eligible disputes up to \$100,000. For more on this, see page 11.

In this issue we also take a closer look at a wide range of topics relevant to both legal practitioners and industry participants, including engineers' liability, estoppel and the operation of time bars, liquidated damages and partial possession, trends toward carbon neutrality, contributory negligence on the part of purchasers of leaky homes, and much more.

As always, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our contributors including our inhouse research team as well as our external contributors, both from New Zealand and around the globe - Baker McKenzie, CMS, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Buddle Findlay, and Hesketh Henry.

We are always grateful for the support we receive from dispute resolution professionals, 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

Editor and Director Building Disputes Tribunal

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