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Welcome to our 48th issue of BuildLaw® in which we draw on the experience and expertise of leading experts in the field to bring you commentary, articles, reviews and topical matters relating to construction law.

As we enter the festive season, this issue of BuildLaw® provides our readers with a wealth of interesting information and articles to explore. You may also notice a new look as Building Disputes Tribunal works toward a refresh of our branding which reflects our new home at <u>The ADR Centre</u>.

In this issue, Maria Cole looks at a New Zealand Court of Appeal case, confirming that a party to a construction contract must issue a valid payment schedule if it wants to challenge a payment claim. Sam Dorne discusses an English High Court ruling where the court dismissed a contractor's wrongful termination claim despite agreeing that it was entitled to an extension of time.

Kate Holland takes us through another English case where the Technology and Construction Court highlighted the importance of ensuring that the ADR process in contracts is clear and certain, while Adrian Sharma looks at the upcoming legal changes to the resource management system in New Zealand.

In Case in Brief, Kate Holland takes us through Addinos Pty Ltd v OJ Pippin Homes Pty Ltd, a case out of Queensland, Australia where the Court found that the actions of a builder who terminated a contract due to rising industry costs were unlawful.

Further contributions touching on the Commerce Commission's final report on competition within the residential building supplies market, proposed changes to the Building Code, the Construction Contracts Act (Retention of Money) Amendment Bill and many more round out the final issue of BuildLaw® for 2022.

As always, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our contributors. We are most grateful for the support we receive from dispute resolution professionals, law firms, authors and publishers, locally and overseas, that allow 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.

From everyone at the Building Disputes Tribunal, Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia!

Ngā mihi nui, nā

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