

# From the Editor



Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to our 49th issue of BuildLaw.

It has been a challenging start to 2023 for many, with New Zealand suffering from a series of destructive weather events in January and February. Our thoughts remain with those who have been impacted. Relevant to these events, we have provided in BuildLaw in Brief a summary of guidance available to assist with the work now required to clean-up, rebuild and mitigate against future risk.

Despite dealing with the impact of the weather events, it has nevertheless been a productive start to 2023 for the Building Disputes Tribunal. We have recently returned from a trip to Singapore to continue work with the International Statutory Adjudication Forum toward drafting, promoting, and implementing a harmonised adjudication model law. We were also privileged to be hosted by, amongst others, the Singapore Mediation Centre and members of the Singaporean judiciary, during our time there.

On our return, we were straight into a nationwide roadshow for the Society of Construction Law, celebrating 20 years of the New Zealand Construction Contracts Act 2002 and presenting the data and trends we have tracked. We will publish a formal review titled Tracking the Trends shortly and invite you to register now for your copy (see page 8). We hope that this publication will be seen as an important step in the story of adjudication as a unique and important dispute resolution process. We look forward to continuing our work in this space in line with our educational objectives.

As always, this issue of BuildLaw brings together a diverse and informative collection of articles and information for our readers to explore. This issue also marks the completion of our brand refresh for the publication. We hope you like the new style and approach.

Our thanks go to the contributors to this issue who have tackled topics covering the latest in cases and updates from across the globe.

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.

Ngā mihi nui, nā

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