

From the Editor



Tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome to the 52nd issue of BuildLaw.

As we approach the final weeks of 2023, it is a good opportunity to look back on the year, which has certainly been a busy one. For the Building Disputes

Tribunal, this has included the rebranding of BuildLaw, as well as the publication of our *Tracking the Trends Report*, which looked back over the first 20 years of the Construction Contracts Act 2002. This was followed up by a series of seminars we were delighted to put on with the Society of Construction Law New Zealand. Adjudication continues to deliver an effective and efficient means of dispute resolution in both residential and commercial cases.

On the international front, our work has continued with the International Statutory Adjudication Forum (ISAF) which took us to Singapore, where a draft model law on adjudication was launched by ISAF at a joint ISAF-Society of Construction Law Singapore conference. It was a pleasure to engage with our colleagues from across the globe on all matters related to dispute resolution in the construction sector.

Onto this issue of BuildLaw in which we continue covering the trends in construction in both New Zealand and around the world. In our feature article, Kate Holland compares the approaches of the United Kingdom and New Zealand to the problems of retentions, Maria Cole looks at the Supreme Court's decision on liability for natural hazards, and Sam Dorne breaks down whether there was a duty to install handrails at a Newcastle stadium.

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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