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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

*I'm working on an article about the practical implications of the Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Bill for Under Construction magazine: <https://underconstruction.placemakers.co.nz/>*

*I have a few questions on how the amendment will impact the day-to-day operations of the BCA.*

- *Do you anticipate these changes impacting the time it takes to carry out inspections where new products are used?*
- *Do you anticipate any challenges for BCAs when new products used for high-risk elements such as cladding, joinery or structure?*
- *Do you anticipate any changes regarding consent sign-off when unfamiliar / new products are specified?*

**Our response:**

**1. Do you anticipate these changes impacting the time it takes to carry out inspections where new products are used?**

- No, we don't believe these changes will impact inspection timeframes as we undertake each inspection based on the approved Building Consent. Inspectors are competency assessed to navigate multiple compliance pathways as part of a performance-based Building Code. The overseas product types and their specifications will be part of the approved Building Consent which inspectors must ensure compliance with.
- Timeframes may however be impacted where onsite changes are proposed requiring amendments or minor variations.

**2. Do you anticipate any challenges for BCAs when new products used for high-risk elements such as cladding, joinery or structure?**

- Researching the list of overseas product standards and certifications schemes that the Minister for Building and Construction approves that pertain to particular products: additional time could impact on processing times
- Having access to these standards and schemes, the cost to access these unless

they are freely available through MBIE.

- Becoming familiar with the proposed elements, seeing if they fit within the scope of an overseas product standard/certification scheme and ensure that all the details supplied meet the criteria of these schemes

**3. Do you anticipate any changes regarding consent sign-off when unfamiliar / new products are specified?**

- No, not necessarily, as the BCA processing/inspection staff currently take great care when assessing new/unfamiliar products and systems, as alternative solutions now. This is enshrined under the Building Act and currently allows for BCAs to consider products/systems using overseas certification
- The proposed system will make some of these products/systems easier to deal with as they will fit within the acceptable solution/verification method compliance pathways which are a deemed to comply pathway, subject to the question above challenges

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**Subject:** Media enquiry - practical implications of Building (Overseas Building Products, Standards, and Certification Schemes) Amendment Bill

Good afternoon Lauradanna,

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