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Subject: RE: Building Code messaging [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
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Hi Cathy

Yes, the public messaging around the Building Code 2014 remains the same.

Although the Minister hasn't explicitly mentioned the Code in any media releases, he has stated that the government remains committed to re-establishing the ABCC. See link below to Minister's media release.

<https://abetz.com.au/news/government-remains-committed-to-re-establishing-abcc>

See also the attached ministerial response, signed after the Bills were voted down in the Senate. See the last paragraph.

So the line we will run is that the government is committed to re-introduce the bills to re-establish the ABCC and to issuing a new building code.

Off the record, as you may know, we are looking at other options for introducing the code, in the event the re-introduced Bills don't pass the Senate a second time.

Regards

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Hi [REDACTED]

Following the outcome of the Senate vote, I am just checking whether the public messaging around the Building Code 2014 remains the same.

Our inspectors are regularly in the industry giving informal advice and formal presentations and I just want to make sure we are on the right page on this issue.

Thanks,
Cathy

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Dear [REDACTED]

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The Australian Government is absolutely committed to re-establishing the Australian Building and Construction Commission to return the rule of law to Australia's construction industry. The vote in the Senate on the ABCC legislation was, regrettably, unsuccessful on 17 August 2015. Labor and the Greens, with the support of the independent Senator for Queensland, Senator Lazarus, blocked the re-establishment of the ABCC. Nevertheless, the Minister for Employment has reconfirmed the Government's commitment to restoring the rule of law to this industry. I urge you to engage directly with the crossbench Senators, including Senator Lazarus, on the issues you have raised and encourage them to support the re-establishment of the ABCC. The crossbenchers can only benefit by being made aware of the real costs to industry and to businesses such as yours, if the passage of this legislation continues to be blocked.

Thank you for raising your concerns.

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