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Housing Industry Welcomes Senator's Call for Inquiry into Non-conforming Building Products

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) has welcomed the proposal for a Senate inquiry into non-conforming building products by Senators Nick Xenophon, John Madigan and Jackie Lambie.

"Regardless of where building products are manufactured, they should meet Australian compliance standards," said HIA Senior Executive Director, Building Development & Environment, Kristin Brookfield.

"With more and more products being manufactured offshore, and increased access to these products by individuals, the need to focus on compliance has never been greater."

"The problem of non-genuine and non-tested building materials and components making their way into building product supply chain is growing."

"A key concern is that the evolution of compliance and enforcement in Australia has not kept pace with changes to our economy, global supply chains, and how or where products are manufactured or sourced."

"The terms of reference proposed by Senators Xenophon, Madigan and Lambie provide a blue print for the Senate to investigate this growing problem and we urge Senators to give their support to an inquiry."

Earlier this week HIA called for a Senate Inquiry into non-conforming building products, following the launch of a consumer awareness campaign by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) into faulty electrical cables, an example of the safety risk associated with using non-conforming building products and materials.

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