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Dear Dr Clark,

RE: Housing Improvement Regulation Review

The Housing Safety Authority (the Authority) is conducting a review of the *Housing Improvement Regulations 2017* (the Regulations).

The Authority is responsible for the administration of the *Housing Improvement Act 2016* and Regulations on behalf of the Minister for Social Housing. While the National Construction Code (NCC) sets minimum standards for the design, performance and construction of buildings throughout Australia, properties may fall into disrepair or be modified post construction. Occasionally, the condition of, or modifications to the property, may pose a health and safety risk to the owners, occupiers and visitors. The Regulations set a minimum standard for existing residential properties after construction.

An important part of the regulation review process, is public engagement. The Authority has prepared an Issues Paper for public consultation, and invites you to share your views and comments. The paper focuses on range of property conditions identified by the Authority in preliminary research and consultation as minimum standards that require further clarity, or property conditions that are not currently regulated.

Consultation commences today and will run for a period of three weeks. Please submit your feedback by 17 November 2017.

The Issues Paper is available online and submissions can be made by:

- Registering on [YourSAy](#) and completing the survey
- Sending a formal written submission to:
 - housingimprovement@sa.gov.au – with subject 'Regulation Review Submission'; or
 - Regulation Review Submissions
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The Authority would appreciate if you could please disseminate this information throughout your networks. All community members are encouraged to participate in the consultation phase of the regulation review.

For more information on the Authority or regulation review, please visit sa.gov.au, or contact the Housing Safety Authority on 1300 700 329.

Yours sincerely,



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