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Inquiry into the Integrity of the National Disability Insurance Scheme

R&IA Recommendations

Recommendation 1.- A public enquiry. into the entire SDA new build program including operation of the 'market', associated stewardship and regulations and whether 'choice and control' and 'value for money' have been achieved.

Recommendation 2.- Certification, Access Institute and SDA assessors. procedures review including certification, qualifications and relevant experience regarding the SDA Design Standard.

Recommendation 3.- Independent regulator ABCB to be appointed to carry out a transparent and accountable review of the SDA process, including terminology and harmonising with Australian Standards and the NCC.

Recommendation 4.- ACCC review of all key SDA aspects including pricing framework, comparisons against actual and market costs, value appropriateness, profit margins, market operation and governance.

Recommendation 5.- Review existing SDA Design Standard. review all requirements including relevance, cost, value for money and application in a range of situations with a diverse range of client

Recommendation 6.- SDA fire protections sprinklers. Issues regarding SDA fire protection sprinklers to be referred to ACCC or ABCB including misleading statistics, actual costs, existing NCC provisions and classes of buildings.

Recommendation 7.- Adopt existing standards. Cheaper and quicker to use existing standards such as ABCB liveable housing. Wider issues including NDIS failing to mention wiring rules (even if it is a little out of date) and International strategies adoption the internationally recognised ISO 60601 series of standards and relevance to backup power supply design considerations.