

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Building audit in wake of Grenfell Tower tragedy

An audit of buildings will be carried out in the City of Bunbury as part of a Statewide assessment following last month's tragic Grenfell Tower fire in London.

Combustible aluminium composite panels (ACP) on the exterior of the Grenfell Tower building have been blamed for the rapid spread of the fire that claimed many lives, with State and Local Governments now committed to working together to ensure similar cladding does not pose the same risks in Western Australia.

Acting Director Planning and Development Services Sarah Upton said a Regulator Audit Group that had been established by the Building Commission would coordinate the review.

"The City has a relatively low number of newly built or recently renovated buildings that fit within the criteria being established by the Regulator Audit Group," Ms Upton said.

"All relevant information has been sent for review and a team of specialists will work with staff to provide support and access to up-to-date information to ensure interventions are appropriate."

Buildings that fall into the audit scope can include apartments, hotels, motels and caretaker type accommodation within a commercial building, plus any other high risk buildings over two storeys where people sleep, excluding public-owned buildings.

A check has also been carried out on cladding being used in the refurbishment of the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre flytower, which confirmed it conforms to the Australia Standards when tested for fire hazard results.

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