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Dear Mr Girgis

**FVA Group Pty Ltd - VBA Policy Statement re clause C1.9(e)(vii) of the NCC**

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2020 in relation to the above. From the outset, we wish to clarify that as the regulator of the building and plumbing industries in Victoria, the VBA's role is not to endorse any particular product, nor to make a determination as to whether a particular product complies with the requirements of the BCA. Instead, it is the role of the regulator to provide guidance or clarification to industry on what it believes to be the proper interpretation of aspects of the building legislation, including the BCA, where it believes such guidance or clarification may benefit industry.

It is in this context, that we confirm the VBA's current view in relation to Clause C1.9(e)(vii) of the BCA, is that an adhesive layer incorporated in bonded laminate materials, is not required to be tested under Australian Standard AS 1530.1-1994: 'Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures', provided that each adhesive layer does not exceed 1 mm in thickness and the total thickness of the adhesive layers does not exceed 2 mm.

Yours sincerely



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