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NSW CALLS FOR STRONGER NATIONAL ACTION ON CLADDING

The NSW Government is calling for stronger action to stop the sale and import of unsafe building products following the national Building Ministers' Forum in Brisbane this week.

Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean said he would continue to work with his state and territory colleagues for stronger national action to keep residents as safe as possible in their homes.

"Yesterday's forum saw all national ministers agree to stop the use of aluminium composite cladding on high rise buildings while further measures for proper labelling and product testing are established," he said.

"I was however disappointed we could not reach an agreement to push for greater action against importers and overseas manufacturers that would stop unsafe building products from reaching the Australian marketplace.

"I acknowledge and appreciate how seriously this issue is being treated by the Commonwealth and a number of my state and territory colleagues, but its clear more needs to be done.

"We will continue to push for effective, nation-wide action to give Australians certainty and security when it comes to the buildings where they live, work and play."

Learn more about the ongoing work of the NSW Fire Safety and External Wall Cladding Taskforce via

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/Whats_new/Fire_safety_and_external_wall_cladding.page

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