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Introduction

This document provides a summary of the objectives, findings and recommendations of the MBIE Technical Review Programme conducted during July 2014 to 30 June 2015. These technical reviews primarily focused on how the councils (in the main, district and city councils) were undertaking some of their statutory territorial authority (TA) responsibilities under the Building Act 2004. These were in relation to:

- amending compliance schedules (not captured by the building consent process)
- enforcing the building warrant of fitness (BWof) system via on-site audits, notices to fix (NTFs) and infringement notices.

While undertaking joint Ministry/council on-site BWof audits as part of the review process, the opportunity was taken to observe and assess the quality of installed passive fire systems (eg smoke/fire separations), which has received some media attention in recent times.

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