

# Building law reform video transcript

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Video transcript of General Manager of Building System Performance introducing the building law reforms.

Kia ora, I'm Anna Butler, General Manager of Building System Performance at MBIE.

I'm pleased to confirm the Government has announced its first set of decisions on the proposed building reforms.

Once the changes are in place, they could save New Zealanders up to \$150 million over the next decade from fewer delays and fewer repairs to substandard work.

One of the main changes is a new certification process for modern methods of construction. This will allow manufacturers with good systems to sign off their own designs and construction, meaning only one consent is required, and potentially halving the number of inspections needed.

Another important change is requiring information about building products to be made publicly available. This will help designers and builders choose the right products and install them in the way intended, and will allow councils to approve consents faster.

Other changes include strengthening the CodeMark scheme, lowering the building levy and increasing financial penalties for offences.

Thank you to everyone who told us what you thought during the consultation period. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable in helping us develop a package of reforms that will deliver real benefits.

We are working closely with the sector to develop the details for each of the changes, and you will also be able to have your say during the Select Committee phase next year.

We are also continuing work on proposals for strengthening occupational regulation, and addressing issues with risk and liability settings. You can expect Government to make decisions on those areas early next year.

I encourage you to learn more about what the building reforms mean for you. Take a look at [building.govt.nz](http://building.govt.nz) for the details, and don't forget to subscribe for updates.

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