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## **CITY OF RYDE REFUTES STATEMENTS BY NSW BETTER REGULATION MINISTER**

The City of Ryde completely refutes the statements made in the Northern District Times and the Daily Telegraph online by NSW Better Regulation Minister Matt Kean that it has failed to address the very serious issue of combustible cladding in our city.

Mr Kean's statements are incorrect and misleading.

The City of Ryde has been and still is working closely with the Department of Planning and Environment and NSW Fire and Rescue, who are coordinating the response.

In Ryde specifically, the Department of Planning and Environment has commenced fire safety compliance action against 10 properties where Concept Plans were approved by the Minister for Planning. Council is undertaking the same audit reporting on 17 other properties and is following the same methodology as the Department of Planning and Environment in completing the audit process.

Notices of Proposed Fire Safety Orders are being sent to any affected property owners and Council staff are providing them with assistance throughout this process.

What should be noted is that Councils are still awaiting on the release of specific regulations from the State Government particularly on how the cladding testing regime will be managed.

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