

## Queensland Property Peak Body 'At Wits End' Over Latest Reform Delay

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Queensland's peak body for strata management has slammed the latest delay by the Queensland Government to pass long promised and well overdue reform legislation.

Seven years have passed since Queensland announced the intention to reform the laws, during which time New South Wales and Victoria have started and finished reform processes, passing new legislation that has modernised the way people live in strata schemes.

Queensland has fallen behind the other states and territories and is failing to keep pace with the significant changes to apartment and townhouse living in Australia over the last 20 years.

"On 18 February 2018, we joined the Property Council (Qld) and the Queensland Law Society to call for new laws to be passed in the next 100 days. 928 days later the Queensland Government has again delayed any reform, without even the promise of a future timeline," said SCA (Qld) President James Nickless.

"As a sector, we are at our wits end.

"The delay of the reforms is doing a huge disservice to the one in four Queenslanders, or 1.2 million residents, who live in strata titled properties such as apartments and townhouses.

"Pressing issues such as short-term letting, statutory warranties for defects, energy efficiency, overcrowding, illegal street parking and the impacts of the sharing economy are being governed by archaic laws that are well and truly past their used by date.

"Greater self-regulation and the ability to take control and make lifestyle choices that best suit them should be a fundamental right for people living in strata in Queensland.

"We want to see a commitment by all the major parties ahead of the 2020 election to fast-track the reform process and see new laws delivered in the first half of 2021," said Mr Nickless.

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**About Strata Community Association (Qld)**

[SCA \(Qld\)](#) is the peak association supporting the state's strata sector, with more than 1,200 individual and corporate members who help oversee, advise, and manage a collective sinking fund balance of \$1.02 billion.

The association brings together people who manage strata schemes, own units or live in strata communities, and those who provide products and services for schemes. We also provide education, advice, and advocacy to enable better understanding of the regulations, obligations and owner's rights.

Strata Community Association (Qld) members represent 312,000 of the 500,000 lots in Queensland. SCA (Qld) was founded in 1984 as the Body Corporate Manager's Institute Queensland (BCMIQ), subsequently joining the other leading state and territory strata institutes in creating a national organisation. Aligning branding since 2002 we now are known as Strata Community Association (Qld).

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