

From the Editor



Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to the 56th issue of BuildLaw, the last for 2024.

The final quarter of 2024 has continued to be very busy for us, as the number of Construction Contracts Act (CCA) adjudications continues to grow compared to last year.

BDT panellist Polly Pope recently presented a very useful webinar on Insolvency in the Construction Sector. Unfortunately, this subject is very topical, as shown by the high attendance level, and Polly gave us practical advice: the key is to understand the insolvency process that applies and to act early.

BDT had a stand at the Asian Construction Expo in South Auckland on 23 November. The event was well-attended, and there was a lot of interest in dispute resolution and ensuring payment, especially in the common situation of 'last claim' disputes.

In other ADR Centre news, at the end of October we participated in a Food and Grocery Council webinar on the Grocery Industry Dispute Resolution Scheme jointly with the Commerce Commission.

Our first expert determination was concluded under the .nz Domain Name Dispute Resolution Scheme we administer on behalf of the Domain Name Commission. The claimant was successful and had the disputed domain name transferred to them. We have another case in progress and three mediations, so this is building well for us. More information is available here: www.domainnamedispute.nz.

This final issue for the year continues our coverage of construction trends in New Zealand and around the world. In our feature article, Maria Cole discusses a leaky homes dispute. This case involved first home buyers and is vital reading for anybody in the same position. Elsewhere in this issue, Sam Dorne highlights the importance of direct evidence when assessing damages, and Kate Holland passes on the English High Court's warning to employers delaying payment.

I do hope you find this issue interesting and useful. Please feel free to distribute BuildLaw to your friends and colleagues – they are most welcome to contact us if they wish to receive our publications directly.

Finally, we'd like to wish you, your whānau, friends and other loved ones a happy, relaxing and well-earned break, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and an enjoyable holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui, nā

Michael Jamieson.

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