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The Architects Registration Board of Victoria acknowledges the recent decision of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal regarding the Lacrosse apartment development.

Since its previous review of this matter, the ARBV has continued to monitor issues and developments relating to combustible cladding, drawing on contemporary information and evidence, including the Building Practitioners Board’s inquiry into the builder and the recent VCAT decision.

As a result of its ongoing investigations, the ARBV has today written to three architects who carried out work in relation to the Lacrosse development. Their responses will inform the ARBV’s actions in this matter which may include disciplinary inquiries.

The ARBV takes seriously the risks to life and property which can arise from the inappropriate use of products containing combustible materials in external wall cladding systems. The ARBV continues to inform architects about issues related to the use of these products, drive accountability through disciplinary action where appropriate, and support consumers who may be considering making complaints to the ARBV.

Chair of the ARBV David Islip said, “The ARBV upholds the highest standards of integrity in the professional practice of architecture and is committed to working with consumers and architects to ensure a safe built environment for all Victorians.”