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## **IBCMV makes submission in response to Owners Corporation Bill, calling for qualification based registration**

The peak representative body of the body corporate industry, the Institute of Body Corporate Managers (Victoria) Inc., previously welcomed the outcomes of the government's review of body corporate legislation – the *Review of the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Subdivision Act 1988 and the Subdivision (Body Corporate) Regulations 2001* as it relates to the creation and operation of bodies corporate

"It is gratifying to see the adoption of most of the IBCMV 'industry position' recommendations in one form or another. Though the IBCMV is in agreement with most elements of the exposure draft of the new Owners Corporation bill, there are some areas identified for change that have been included in its submission", the President Mr Pitcher said.

"Regarding the registration of managers, IBCMV strongly recommends qualification based registration of managers. That is, tying registration of a manager to having an educational qualification. Given the mapping of consumer risk areas in the completed Victorian Implementation Guide, it is recommended this qualification be the Strata and Community Title Management industry's Certificate IV within the PODS training package" Mr Pitcher said.

"The full submission has been made publicly available on the IBCMV web site [www.bodycorp.org](http://www.bodycorp.org)" he says.

"The landmark national competencies and qualifications program is now a reality and will also be addressed in a session at Australia's leading forum for community and strata title management, the 2006 National NCTI Congress coming up from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006 at the Deakin University Waterfront Campus Geelong" Mr Pitcher said.

### **About Institute of Body Corporate Managers (Victoria) Inc.**

IBCMV is the pre-eminent professional association of the body corporate industry, and was formed in 1990 to provide a forum for improved standards and education in the industry. Supporting more than 75% of all body corporate management firms it is the only organisation solely focussed upon representing this increasingly significant industry, and reaches and represents 250 body corporate professionals who manage approximately 200,000 lots. It also represents industry suppliers and bodies corporate, making it the voice of all with an interest in the management of bodies corporate. Members benefit from representation, promotion, establishment of professional practice guidelines and ethical standards, and professional development through education seminars, conferences and regularly publishing bulletins on items of professional interest. The Institute is an affiliate member of the National Community Titles Institute, which represents practitioners throughout Australia. More information about the Institutes are available at [www.bodycorp.org](http://www.bodycorp.org) and [www.ncti.org.au](http://www.ncti.org.au)

### **About the bodies corporate or strata title industry in Victoria.**

Changing lifestyle choices of Victorians and demographic shifts have led to rapid growth in higher density dwellings and the strata industry. With 65,000 Bodies Corporate and 500,000 lots in Victoria and about 1,000,000 Victorians or 1 in 4 people living in or affected by Bodies Corporate, it represents the management of property worth \$45 billion and they comprise residential properties ranging from 2 units in a suburban street to many hundreds of units in an urban tower block. Bodies corporate also encompass commercial, retail, lifestyle resorts, retirement villages, car parks, storage facilities, industrial and, increasingly, mixed developments comprising more than form of development.

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