

IANZ Audit of BCA

The BCA was last audited in November 2018. The following excerpts from reports to Council's Strategic Planning and Policy Committee provide an overview of the audit:

Strategic Planning and Policy meeting (SPP) – Nov 2018

IANZ Auditors undertook a routine reassessment of the Building Consent Authority over four days commencing 13 November 2018. Overall verbal feedback from the assessors was positive. The Assessment report is expected by the end of November.

Some actions were identified and are being progressed e.g. training plans to be finalised. There were minimal technical corrections e.g. some forms to be updated and improvements in compliance schedules. An action plan to address these is to be submitted early January.

IANZ advised that our next Audit will be in two years, provided all actions are complete. This is the maximum period for re-assessment and a good reflection on the team.

SPP – Feb 2019

As previously reported the assessment found that appropriate technical decisions were being made by inspectors and that inspection records were maintained.

The assessment regime has changed since MDC's last IANZ assessment and the new framework has resulted in a general increase in the number of non-compliances for councils across the country. Under some regulations, non-compliances are now issued for each sub-section of the regulation rather than one non-compliance for that regulation, for example with Competency Assessments and Training Plans.

In total, 32 general non-compliances (GNCs) were identified. Staff were required to submit a plan to address these. The Plan was accepted by IANZ in January 2019, and the team are 'on track' to clear all non-compliances by the deadline of 11 March 2019.

The 32 general non-compliances (GNC) are summarised below:

- 8 GNCs related to Competency Assessments, primarily that some were incomplete. This was the result of an unanticipated situation which impacted the contractor's availability to complete this work before the IANZ assessment. These are now being progressed.
- 6 GNCs related to Training, primarily that some training plans and records were incomplete. Training plans are now in place for all staff.
- 6 GNCs related to contractors and contractor management. For example, monitoring that had occurred varied from the documented procedure.
- 4 GNCs related to Code Compliance Certificates (CCCs) and Compliance Schedules. Processes have been reviewed and Council staff will now require more information from building owners and designers at the time a consent is lodged.
- The other 8 GNCs primarily related to procedural matters.

SPP – May 2019

As previously reported the assessment found that appropriate technical decisions were being made by inspectors and that inspection records were maintained.

We are pleased to advise that the 32 general non-compliances (GNCs) that were identified under the new assessment framework have now been cleared by IANZ and that Council's accreditation as a Building Control Authority has been reconfirmed.

We would like to acknowledge the Building team staff for the work that was involved in responding to IANZ, particularly at a busy time for the team.

The next IANZ assessment is due in November 2020.