



Message from the Minister for Fair Trading

Opportunity to Have Your Say

The New South Wales Government is commencing a comprehensive review of NSW strata and community title laws in 2012.

To support this major project, public policy think tank Global Access Partners (GAP) is hosting an online community consultation at www.openforum.com.au/strata. This initiative has the Government's full support. A flyer from GAP is enclosed that provides more details about this initial consultation stage.

I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to contribute your opinions and ideas on the issues and challenges facing the strata and community scheme sector.

Please feel free to pass this message on to others who may also like to have their say. In particular, if you are an agent you may wish to pass this message on to your network of owner representatives or raise it at any AGMs being held before the end of February 2012. Active participation in the project by a large number of interested parties will help to guarantee its success.

I look forward to reading the online views and the report prepared by GAP following this first community consultation.

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Anthony Roberts MP
Minister for Fair Trading

15 December 2011 – 29 February 2012

STRATA LAWS

ONLINE CONSULTATION

openforum.com.au/strata

The New South Wales Government plans to commence a review of the State's strata and community title laws in 2012, which may include significant amendments to the existing legislation.

To support this reform, public policy think-tank Global Access Partners (GAP) is hosting an online community consultation on Open Forum (openforum.com.au/strata) to give individuals and businesses affected by the reforms an opportunity to voice their opinions, share their experiences, raise specific issues or concerns and suggest possible solutions. We invite your comments on the following questions:

- Q1. What are the main areas of the existing strata and community scheme laws you would like to see changed?**
- Q2. Can you see any future issues that need to be addressed in the legislation?**
- Q3. How could the management of strata and community schemes be improved?**
- Q4. Are there any changes needed to the way disputes in strata and community schemes are resolved?**

The consultation is open to the general public as well as members of the strata community, including owners, tenants, strata agents, developers, surveyors, valuers, real estate agents, lawyers and academics who have experience and understanding of the current legislation, or specialist knowledge of the strata industry. Larger organisations and key stakeholder bodies are also invited to contribute.

The online forum will start on 15 December 2011 and close on 29 February 2012.

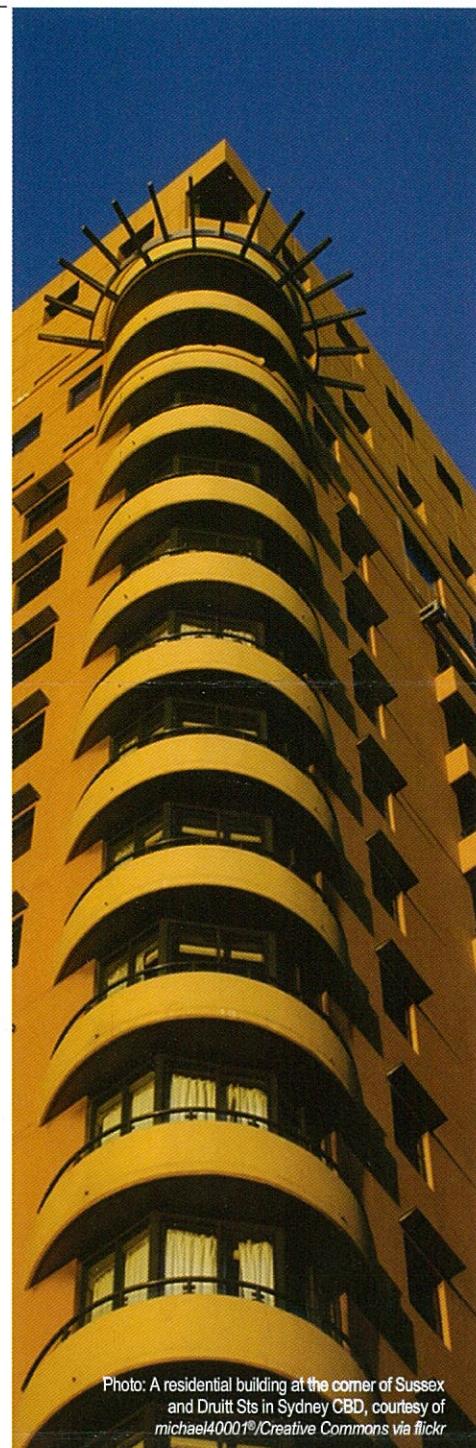


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This consultation is being conducted by GAP with the support of the NSW Government

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GAP is an experienced facilitator of online community consultations. Since its inception in 2000, it has worked with many federal and state departments and agencies, including the Productivity Commission, Attorney-Generals' Department, Australian Government Information Management Office, Department for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, NSW Lands and Property Management Authority and Queensland Office for Regulatory Efficiency. Through its interactive policy discussion and blogging site, Open Forum, GAP is proud to have collaborated with government on projects such as AGIMO's Online Consultation in 2007, National Cyber Security Awareness Week 2008-2011, the National Human Rights Online Consultation 2009 and National Regulatory Reform Survey 2011.

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