

# **New Strata Laws Passed for 1 July 2016**

On 29 Oct 2015, the New South Wales Parliament passed the new Strata Schemes Management Bill 2015 and the Strata Schemes Development Bill 2015.

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## **NSW Beware thy Neighbour (and their Dog)**

JS Mueller & Co Senior Lawyer and strata law expert, Adrian Mueller, shares the following case *Frankel – v – Patterson* [2015] NSWSC 1307.

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## **Changes to Apartment ‘Sunset Clawbacks’**

Top strata lawyers have called for NSW property protections to be brought into line with other Australian states.

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# Home Warranty Insurance Rights Confirmed!

Home warranty insurance generally protects an owners corporation from being out of pocket for the cost to repair building defects.

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## Once an Icon – Now a Pile of Rubble

“In 1980 my parents took me to the Gold Coast for a holiday. My first adventure in Queensland, I was 2 years old. We stayed at the (in)famous Iluka hotel.”

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## Further Delays to Strata Law Reforms

The plan to reform the state’s 50-year-old strata laws was first flagged in 2011 but a series of ministerial changes have hampered the process.

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# **Complex Group, Strata & Community Title Law Reform**

Bruce Bentley, Partner JS Mueller & Co presented recently at a Legalwise seminar 'Strata & Community Title Law Reform' and Complex Group Title.'

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## **Strata Managers Forum – Short Term Tenancies**

Short term tenancies have long posed problems for community living in communities where there are permanent residents and short term tenants.

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## **Strata Managers Forum – Adjudications and NCAT**

What is the difference between strata mediation and strata adjudication? How long does the process take? How much does it cost?

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# What Type of Renovations Require a By-law?

Renovating an apartment, as opposed to a house requires a different set of approvals, the most obvious is the land you share with other residents.