

NSW Planning orders removal of combustible cladding from unit, retail complex in Lindfield

The owners of a major apartment and retail complex have been ordered to strip potentially combustible cladding from the multi-storey site due to fears over fire safety risks.



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The State Government has ordered cladding to be stripped from the multistorey building.

A north shore apartment and retail complex has come under scrutiny after potentially combustible cladding was identified at the multi-storey site.

NSW Planning has ordered the removal of external wall panels from the eight level building at 23-37 Lindfield Ave and 11 Havilah Lane in the Lindfield town centre, after inspectors found building materials used at the site contained aluminium composite panels.

The department said cladding materials found at the site were potentially “combustible and posed a fire safety risk” to occupants.

The owners of the complex have been given until November this year to replace the panels with non-combustible materials.

The complex contains 140 apartments along with shops including Lindfield IGA and cafe Goodfields Eatery.



A photo of the development.

NSW Planning released details of how many panels contain the cladding.

A department spokesman said the order was issued to owners of the strata plan and lot owner Aqualand Lindfield Pty Ltd.

Aqualand, the developer of the building, was contacted for comment about the order but did not respond to questions at the time of publication.

Planning records show the development was approved by NSW Planning in 2012 and underwent design changes in 2016 that included increasing the size of the development and number of apartments.

The order issued by the department requires interim fire safety measures to be put in place.

Apartments within the complex are currently advertised as offering high amenity leaving close to shops and sporting facilities.

The fire safety order is in line with the statewide crackdown on cladding, launched in response to the fatal Grenfell Tower fire in London in 2017.

Latest figures show 379 buildings across NSW are under review for external wall cladding or where remediation is underway as of February.