

Kubix Wantirna South: Apartment tower covered in combustible cladding

One of the most prominent buildings in Knox has been covered in black scaffolding for months, leaving residents wondering what's going on.

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The Kubix apartment tower covered in scaffolding.

Dangerous combustible cladding is being removed from a prominent apartment complex in Knox, with black scaffolding erected around the site for months.

The cladding, the outside skin of the building which can burn rapidly if it catches alight, is being removed from one of the towers at the Kubix development, on the corner of Burwood Highway and Stud Rd Wantirna South.

Cladding Safety Victoria (CSV), an authority established by the state government, is in the process of removing dangerous cladding from buildings across Victoria, including the Kubix tower.

It follows London's [Grenfell Tower tragedy](#), where 72 people were killed when fire ripped

through a 27-storey block of flats.

The work to remove the cladding from the Kubix tower, which is being funded by CSV, is due to be completed in the first half of 2023.

Residents typically don't have to leave their apartments while work takes place.

Construction on the \$100 million three tower Kubix apartment development was completed in 2017.

Cladding Safety Victoria is also funding the removal of cladding from nine other buildings in Knox, of which four have already been completed.

Cladding Safety Victoria chief executive Dan O'Brien said it continued to deliver on safety for residents living in higher-risk apartment buildings, with more combustible cladding removed in Victoria than any other state or territory in Australia.

“Rectification work is complex and highly specialised and as the only dedicated cladding remediation agency in the world, we are proud of what has been achieved to date,” he said.



The Kubix development was completed in 2017.

Since the five-year cladding rectification program was announced, CSV has worked with hundreds of owners corporations who are at various stages in the program.

The authority funds rectification on buildings found to be of highest-risk and has made funding decisions for more than 330 buildings, of which 180 are complete and more underway.

Buildings are referred to CSV by the Victorian Building Authority's statewide cladding audit (which identifies buildings with combustible cladding and assesses the relative risks for these buildings) or by the relevant local council's municipal building surveyor.

Once referred, CSV undertakes its own investigations and prioritises buildings according to risk, funding and rectifying the highest risk buildings.

Knox Council confirmed a building permit was in place to enable combustible cladding to be replaced at Kubix.