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Media Statement

Inquiry into use of “architect-designed home” term by real estate agents

The Real Estate Agents Authority (REAA) will enquire into complaints made about the use of the term “architect-designed” by real estate agents marketing homes for sale.

The New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB) has expressed concerns about how real estate agents are claiming homes are “architect-designed”.

The REAA’s independent Complaints Assessment Committee has directed the authority to investigate the practice following 23 complaints from the NZRAB. One of the 23 complaints was dismissed.

The authority will report the results of the investigation to the CAC who will then make determinations in respect to the complaints.

The authority will not make any further comment until these matters have been determined.

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