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The Duty to Warn and the Combustible Cladding Crisis

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Much has been written over the years on the application of the so-called “duty to warn” to construction projects.

In more recent times, the building industry has been rocked by the combustible cladding crisis. Public inquiries, litigation and building industry reform initiatives have ensued, as stakeholders and regulators look to apportion blame, allocate rectification costs and prevent situations like the Grenfell fire from recurring.

So, this presentation will revisit the legal principles that underlie the duty and the case law that has since developed, before considering how it applies to the circumstances that transpired on the Grenfell and Lacrosse buildings.

The presentation is based on Owen’s ‘highly commended’ entry in SoCLA’s 2020 Brooking Prize essay competition. SoCLA members can access the essay [here](#) via SoCLA’s website.



Owen is the founding principal of Infracore – a boutique law firm that provides strategic legal and commercial advice on infrastructure and construction projects, drawing on the experience and wisdom Owen has developed over his 25+ year career at market leading Australian and international legal and professional services firms.

Owen is recognised as one of Australia’s leading infrastructure and construction lawyers by numerous legal directories, and is an active thought-leader in the sector through his article writing and public speaking.

He is also a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne, where he teaches a course on Public Private Partnerships as part of the Master of Laws program, and a Council Member of the Australian Branch of the International Project Finance Association.

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