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The Leaky Buildings Crisis – Understanding the Issues

The size of the leaky buildings problem is significant. It has been estimated that approximately 42,000 New Zealand homes are currently affected.

The Leaky Buildings Crisis – Understanding the Issues examines the leaky buildings crisis from the perspectives of experts in the areas of law, public health, economics, sociology, property valuation, building regulation, construction and dispute resolution.

The book is intended to be a resource that will provide people from all walks of life with the opportunity to read expert commentary on one of the most significant problems currently facing New Zealand.

It is also essential reading for those who wish to come to an understanding (or to deepen their understanding) of the causes, effects, and possible solutions to this crisis.

The book will be an invaluable source of information for lawyers, judges, dispute resolution professionals, engineers, architects, builders, regulators, policy analysts, policy-makers in central and local government, academics, students, and owners of leaky buildings.

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Williams and Kawharu on Arbitration

Williams and Kawharu on Arbitration is the first comprehensive, in-depth analysis of the law and practice of domestic and international arbitration in New Zealand. It also analyses New Zealand’s growing involvement in international investment treaty arbitration. This work is destined to become an indispensable aid to those practising in these areas. It is written primarily for practising lawyers, arbitrators and judges but will also provide an invaluable resource for students of arbitration. Since New Zealand is an UNCITRAL Model Law jurisdiction it will also be of interest to arbitration specialists in other Model Law countries, especially those in the Asia-Pacific region.

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- the nature and sources of arbitration law including the origins of the Arbitration Act 1996 and the role of the court;
- the Arbitration Act 1996 and its amendments;
- international commercial arbitration; and
- investment treaty arbitration.

The authors bring to this task extensive practical and theoretical knowledge of both domestic and international arbitration. David A R Williams QC, is a member of Bankside Chambers (Auckland and Singapore) and Essex Court Chambers, London and is widely regarded as New Zealand’s foremost international arbitrator. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Auckland where he has taught international arbitration for many years.

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- Dispute Management
- Back to the Future – Convergence or Divergence?

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