

FIRE SAFETY BUILDING EXPERTS CALLED TO JOIN IFSS GLOBAL COALITION

The World Bank and United Nations backed International Fire Safety Standards (IFSS) coalition is calling on building safety experts from Asia and Australia to nominate and join a global expert panel (SSC) to develop landmark Global standards in Fire Safety.

The IFSS Coalition was created following the London Grenfell fire and it is backed by World Bank, United Nations and the United Kingdom Government with the Coalition consisting of some 30 international organisations.

Australian Property Institute Life Fellow, WAVO Vice President and IFSS Coalition member, Robert Hecek is urging experts in Asia and Australia to nominate and join the Standards Setting Committee (SCC).

The SCC will have the task of drafting the rules and classify and define fire safety standards at international levels by uncovering and interpreting best practise standards and guidelines that already exist.

Experts applying to join the SSC must have standard setting experience, code writing, technical research, insurance and valuation as well as experience working globally across jurisdictions.

They must have design expertise in fire safety in specific areas including architects, engineers, surveyors, project managers, fire engineers, just to name a few.

The SSC is looking for fire safety expertise across different asset classes, including, commercial, residential, education, healthcare, infrastructure, nuclear stations, etc.

Hecek said the world needs to set minimum levels of fire safety because inconsistency not only causes uncertainty in global property investment, more importantly it is a risk to the people living in these buildings.

He added that when it comes to accounting, the world adopted the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which are backed by International Valuation Standards (IVS).

However, when it comes to fire safety, there is no consistent uniform standard globally.

He added that Property has to be valued on a consistent basis, currently the global fire standards are so inconsistent that valuations would vary and there would be uncertainty on how it is based.

Experts wishing to be part of this historic task and wish to find out more information are encouraged to contact Robert Hecek, LFAPI, at rhecek@api.org.au