Statement from the Sunland Group

The Building Services Authority originally received a complaint from a building owner, with a background in mechanical engineering, alleging that a fire stair at the Q1 tower did not comply with the relevant Australian Standard.

The Building Services Authority subsequently carried out an analysis of the issue, in conjunction with the Queensland Fire And Rescue Authority, expert mechanical design engineers, the building certifier, the builder and the chair of the Australian Standards committee.

The review concluded that in a particular scenario the pressurisation was not compliant. It was agreed between the Building Services Authority and the Queensland Fire And Rescue Authority that the best way to resolve the issue was to develop an alternate solution demonstrating through fire engineering principles that the design meets the performance requirements of the Building Code of Australia Expert Fire Engineers have been engaged by Sunland to prepare this alternate solution.

A draft of this report has been reviewed and agreed to in principle by the Queensland Fire And Rescue Authority and the Gold Coast City Council's building certifiers.

This alternate solution will now be published in a Fire Engineering Report and incorporated in the Certificate Of Classification for the building, which will conclude the issue.