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In response to the report by the Independent Commission Against Corruption's report on the Investigation into the Conduct of Councillors of the Former Canterbury City Council and Others, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment issued an Explanation of Intended Effect in March 2021 for the revision of cl 4.6 of the Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plan. The proposed changes to cl 4.6 do not respond to the majority of the recommendations made by the ICAC report in relation to the application of cl 4.6. Development standards that determine a building envelope for a site are mostly generic and reflect the zoning of land. If development standards were more nuanced and based on more fine-grained studies and designed masterplans, it would contribute to narrowing the scope of environmental planning grounds that can be used to justify the contravention of development standards that determine a building envelope.	191
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