

Building Regulation News Updates are issued as and when necessary, to keep the Tasmanian Building Industry informed of developments occurring in the industry, Building Code of Australia (BCA) and its referenced documents and legislation.

**Note:** the Building Code of Australia 2007 came into force on 1 May 2007.

## ABSA Energy meeting - 7 June 2007

Energy Raters and others in the building industry (building surveyors, architects, building designers, builders etc) are notified of a meeting in Hobart on **Thursday 7 June 2007** between 5 and 7 pm. Mr David Howard, President and Executive Officer of the Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA) will talk about the Association and its procedures and what is happening in the world of thermal performance Assessment. It will be followed by a general discussion session. If any accredited building practitioner or other interested person wishes to attend please e-mail ABSA at [admin@absa.net.au](mailto:admin@absa.net.au) to book a seat. Wayne Gorman, an elected ABSA Board Director, will also be in attendance. The venue has not yet been organised as numbers are not known, but all respondents will be advised by ABSA closer to the meeting date.

Building Standards and Regulation (BSR) has been in discussions with ABSA for some time in relation to making accreditation with ABSA a requirement for Energy Raters under the Director's Determination for Certificates of Others under s.266 of the *Building Act 20000* and Regulation 13 of the *Building Regulations 2004*.



### About ABSA

The Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA) represents building and design professionals who specialise in assessing the environmental impact of buildings. ABSA Accredited Assessors use the latest computer programs to analyse building plans and offer practical advice on cost-effective ways to improve performance. ABSA Assessors are specifically trained to ensure that homes meet the requirements of environmental and energy regulations. Accredited Assessors offer specialised skills. They have completed rigorous training and examination and are subject to regular auditing. They are backed by Professional Indemnity Insurance and meet ABSA requirements for quality assurance and continuing professional development. ABSA Accreditation is the only nationally recognised standard for Assessor training and Quality Assurance that meets the requirements of the Building Code of Australia and the NSW Building Sustainability Index (BASIX). In some states it is mandatory to use an Accredited Assessor to carry out Building Thermal Performance Assessments. For more information about ABSA go to [www.absa.net.au](http://www.absa.net.au)

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