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## HOUSE ENERGY RATING SOFTWARE COMPLIANCE

### Purpose

This *News Update* is to inform building practitioners, and other users of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) of the new second generation software products that have been declared by the software suppliers to be compliant with the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) *Protocol for House Energy Rating Software, Version 2006.1*.

### Background

In an article entitled *Energy efficiency – demonstrating compliance*, which was included in a recent *Building Regulation Advisory Note* (Number 1 of 2007, dated August 2007) reference was made to the requirement for software used in providing housing thermal energy ratings to comply with ABCB Protocols.

The *ABCB Protocol for House Energy Rating Software, Version, 2006.1* is the Protocol for second-generation software. (Referenced in BCA Volume 2, Part 1.4).

The article noted that the suppliers of BERS software (Solar Logic) had advised the ABCB that BERS Pro 4.1 complies with the Protocol.

A further two suppliers of second generation software have now advised the ABCB that their software complies with the Protocol. These are -

- Sustainability Victoria - FirstRate5 software; and
- CSIRO - AccuRate software.

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