

These news updates are issued as and when necessary, to keep the Tasmanian Plumbing Industry informed of developments occurring in the Tasmanian Plumbing Code and its referenced documents and legislation.

Purpose

The purpose of this News Update is to inform industry of the publishing of the second edition of the enHealth Council's publication *Guidance on use of rainwater tanks*.



GUIDANCE ON USE OF RAINWATER TANKS

The second edition of GUIDANCE ON USE OF RAINWATER TANKS has been produced by the enHealth Council and is available for download at:

http://enhealth.nphp.gov.au/council/pubs/documents/rainwater_tanks.pdf

The edition was created by the enHealth Council to revise the monograph developed in 1998 by the National Environmental Health Forum. The revision was brought about in response to increased interest in using domestic rainwater tanks in both rural and urban areas. Increased interest has arisen due to widespread drought conditions and increased water restrictions.

The layout of the second edition has been changed to bring into line with the *Framework for drinking water quality management* incorporated in the new *Australian drinking water guidelines* (in press). The guidelines advocate a risk management approach to maintaining water quality.

The monograph provides the most contemporary information and advice as a resource for Environmental Health Officers and other professionals, and for those members of the public seeking detailed guidance. The monograph provides advice on potential hazards that can threaten water quality, preventive measures that can be used to prevent these hazards from contaminating rainwater, simple monitoring and maintenance procedures, and, where necessary, corrective actions. The monograph also provides information on design and installation of rainwater tanks.

