

Building Regulation News Update

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RELEASE OF RIS DOCUMENT FOR A DRAFT NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE FOR COMMENT

Purpose

The purpose of this News Update is to advise that the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has endorsed the release of the National Construction Code Implementation Plan and NCC Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for comment by stakeholders.

Background

COAG has given the go ahead for the development of a National Construction Code (NCC) which will consolidate building, plumbing, electrical and telecommunications regulations into one regulatory document. At its meeting in Hobart on 30th April 2009, COAG endorsed the release of the National Construction Code Implementation Plan and NCC Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). Both these documents can be found at the following internet address:

www.coag.gov.au/coag_meeting_outcomes/2009-04-30/index.cfm

This Consultation RIS provides an assessment of the proposal for a NCC combining building and plumbing technical standards, the most likely model being a consolidation of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and the Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA) (as a starting point). While this consolidated code has not as yet been developed, this Consultation RIS tests the most likely composition of the first version of the consolidated code.

Opportunity for stakeholder comment on RIS

As part of the RIS process, building and plumbing stakeholders have the opportunity to comment on the Consultation RIS. The consultants (The Allen Consulting Group) are particularly interested in opinions about the reasonableness about the costs and benefits that underpin the Consultation RIS.

Written comments on the Consultation RIS can be provided by either of these methods:

- email (preferred) to: IGAreview@allenconsult.com.au
- hard copy to: The Allen Consulting Group, GPO Box 418, Canberra ACT 2601

The deadline for written comments is COB, 23 June 2009.

For questions about the process for providing feedback on the Consultation RIS contact Sharon Kennard on (02) 6204 6500.