

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.

Release of Draft Regulation Impact Statements

Building Code of Australia (BCA) amendments proposal to -

- ❑ **Include energy efficiency requirements for Class 5 to 9 buildings**
- ❑ **Increase the energy efficiency requirements for houses**

Purpose

The purpose of this News Update is to inform Industry and consumers of the release of these two Draft Regulation Impact Statements.

Proposal for Class 5 to 9 buildings

A Regulation Document (RD) outlining the proposal to amend the BCA to include energy efficiency requirements for Class 5-9 Buildings was released for public comment in November 2004 (RD 2004-01). A Draft Regulation Impact Statement (Draft RIS) on this Regulation Document proposal is now available for public comment (RIS 2005-01).

The proposed measures in the RD affect wall, floor and roof insulation, glazing, air-conditioning and lighting in offices, shops, laboratories, factories, schools, healthcare and aged care buildings. The requirements also extend to building sealing, ventilation and hot water supply services, as well as broad maintenance provisions.

Proposal for houses

A Regulation Document (RD) outlining the proposal to amend the BCA to increase the energy efficiency requirements for houses was released for public comment in November 2004 (RD 2004-02). A Draft Regulation Impact Statement (Draft RIS) on this Regulation Document proposal is now available for public comment (RIS 2005-02).

The proposed measures in this RD revise the existing 4 star equivalent energy efficient provisions for Class 1 and 10 buildings to achieve a 5 star level rating in accordance with the National House Energy Rating Scheme.

Further information

Documents may be obtained from the **What's New** tab on the ABCB website www.abcb.gov.au

The closing date for comments on all of the documents has been extended to **12 May 2005**.

Inquiries on the RD and Draft RIS should be directed to abcb.office@abcb.gov.au

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