
BUILDING SYSTEM

Building regulation advisory note

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Draft Building Code of Australia (BCA) 2011 available for comment

This circular is to advise councils, certifiers, industry practitioners and other stakeholders of the availability of the draft of BCA 2011 for public comment.

Background

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) is amended on an annual cycle. The amendment process includes making a draft copy available for public comment.

Public comment draft now available for consideration

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is currently inviting public comment on the draft BCA 2011. Copies of the draft BCA - Volumes One and Two are available on the ABCB's website www.abcb.gov.au

Practitioners are encouraged to review the draft proposals and email their comments to BCA@abcb.gov.au by Monday 2 August 2010.

BCA 2011 draft

While the draft BCA 2011 amendment contains a range of changes, **major** components of the amendment relate to –

- Aligning the BCA with the Access Code in the Disability (Access to Premises — Buildings) Standards (known as the Premises Standards) under the Federal *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*. The Premises Standards, like BCA 2011 commence on 1 May 2011.
- Restructuring the fire hazard property provisions.
- New provisions to reduce slips, trips and falls in buildings.
- New provisions for private bushfire shelters for Class 1 buildings.

The ABCB anticipates that a Consultation Regulation Impact Statement on the slips, trips

and falls changes will be released during the consultation period of the draft BCA 2011.

Further information

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