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PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORK APPROVALS

Purpose

This News Flash clarifies the building certifier's responsibilities where plumbing and drainage work is associated with the building work being assessed.

Declared sewered areas:

Section 5.3.5 of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* allows a private building certifier to approve building work in a declared sewered area before any associated plumbing and drainage work is approved by local government. The necessary approvals required under the *Sewerage and Water Supply Act 1949* must be obtained before any plumbing or drainage work commences

The private building certifier is not personally responsible for obtaining the plumbing and drainage work approval. However, to avoid any unnecessary delays it is recommended certifiers advise their clients that this approval is required before any plumbing or drainage work can commence.

Non-sewered areas:

In a non-sewered area, a private building certifier must not approve the building work until any associated plumbing and drainage work and the installation of the on-site sewerage facility, is approved by the local government. Building work cannot lawfully commence in a non-sewered area before these approvals are obtained from local government.



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