



# Building newsflash

## Draft guideline for the meaning of class 2 classification under the Building Code of Australia

### Purpose

To advise that a draft guideline for the meaning of class 2 classification under the Building Code of Australia (BCA) has been published for comment on the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website.

### Background

The department has received numerous submissions from both industry and members of the community expressing concern about class 2 buildings (e.g. home units) being approved or used as holiday or business apartments, hotels, motels and similar short term or transient accommodation. The department is aware that there are various interpretations within the industry and community relating to this matter.

Section 258 of the *Building Act 1975* (BA) allows for guidelines to be made to help achieve compliance with the BA. To assist interpretation of the BCA Part A3 for the classification of class 2 buildings, Building Codes Queensland has prepared the draft guideline for possible approval under section 258 of the BA.

The draft guideline has been developed in close consultation with the Building Industry Consultative Group and other key stakeholders. The Building Industry Consultative Group is an initiative of Building Codes Queensland and is made up of key state government, local government and building industry stakeholders in Queensland.

### Legislation

The following legislation is referred to in the guideline:

*Acts Interpretation Act 1954* – section 14A

*Building Act 1975* – sections 61, 111, 112, 257, 258

*Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*

*Integrated Planning Act 1997* – section 4.3.11

*Residential Tenancies Act 1994*

*Standard Building By-Laws 1975* (repealed)

*Standard Building Law* (repealed)

*Standard Building Regulation 1993* (repealed)



### To comment

The draft guideline is available for review on the Department of Infrastructure and Planning website [www.dip.qld.gov.au](http://www.dip.qld.gov.au)

Stakeholders are invited to provide comment on the guideline by emailing [daniel.oliver@dip.qld.gov.au](mailto:daniel.oliver@dip.qld.gov.au). All submissions must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 27 August 2008.

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