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Draft code on construction requirements for temporary accommodation buildings

Purpose

The purpose of this newsflash is to advise stakeholders that the Department of Infrastructure and Planning is seeking feedback on a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and a draft code for temporary accommodation buildings.

Background

The draft code for temporary accommodation buildings has been developed after an extensive investigation by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. The investigation was triggered by concerns raised by a number of local governments and key stakeholders.

A temporary accommodation building is a building which remains on a site for a short period of time and used for accommodation purposes. The accommodation is usually provided for rent or as part of a workplace agreement. They are also used as a 'granny flat' or for temporary periods while a permanent home is being constructed.

Temporary buildings are generally prefabricated but can sometimes be modified shipping containers. While they are more predominant in the mining regions of Queensland and remote areas where normal town accommodation is not readily available, they are sometimes found in more populated suburban areas. They are generally removed from the site on completion of the work.

It has been identified that the current building regulations applying to temporary buildings need improvement and strengthening.

The draft code proposes more detailed standards of structural stability, health, amenity, safety and sustainability for temporary accommodation buildings. A RIS has also been prepared which details the costs and benefits associated with the introduction of a mandatory temporary accommodation code.

Legislation

Sections 30 and 67 of the *Building Act 1975*.

Further information

Copies of the draft code and RIS are available from the Department's web site at www.dip.qld.gov.au

A copy of the draft code and RIS can be requested by email at buildingcodes@dip.qld.gov.au

Have Your Say

If you would like to comment on the proposed code or the RIS, submit your comments by 5 pm Monday 24 August 2009.

Comments can be sent to:

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