



Building newsflash

Discussion paper—*Improving Sustainable Housing in Queensland*

Purpose

The Queensland Government has launched the *Improving Sustainable Housing in Queensland* discussion paper for public comment.

Background

On 15 June 2008, the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Acting Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning launched the *Improving Sustainable Housing in Queensland* discussion paper. The paper discusses options for the next phase of the Queensland Government's sustainable housing policy which addresses broader environmental and social housing design issues in both new and existing homes in Queensland.

Discussion paper

The discussion paper provides Queensland residents with the opportunity to have their say on a range of suggested sustainable housing improvements proposed by the Queensland Government. The proposed improvements will help make Queensland homes more comfortable naturally, use less water and energy and assist residents in making an informed decision about sustainable housing features when they buy or rent. A range of measures for new and existing homes are included in the discussion paper.

Five-star new housing

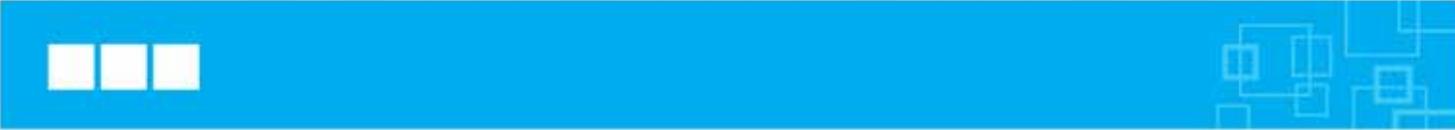
The discussion paper includes the proposal to introduce 5-star (out of 10) energy equivalent rating for new houses and major renovations in Queensland from 1 January 2009. Coinciding with this requirement will be the removal of first generation software, thereby only allowing second generation software to be used. It is intended that a peer review process will be introduced allowing an expert panel to assess innovative housing designs.

Your next step

The *Improving Sustainable Housing in Queensland* discussion paper can be downloaded from www.dip.qld.gov.au/sustainablehousing. Alternatively, the discussion paper can be requested by emailing sustainablehousing@dip.qld.gov.au or by free calling 1800 682 021.

Residents are encouraged to provide their comments and suggestions on the discussion paper. This feedback will assist the Queensland Government with progressing appropriate sustainable housing measures.

Residents can respond to the discussion paper online at www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au or by downloading a response form from www.dip.qld.gov.au/sustainablehousing.



Statewide road shows will be conducted in major regional centres to get community feedback on the proposed measures. Details of the road shows will be provided through a Building Newsflash and other appropriate media, such as local newspapers.

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