



Building Newsflash

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National Plumbing and Drainage Code AS/NZS 3500.5- Domestic Installations

Purpose

The purpose of this newsflash is to advise council plumbing inspectors, plumbers and the plumbing industry that Part 5 of the National Plumbing and Drainage Code, AS/NZS 3500.5- Domestic Installations, **has not been adopted** in the Queensland plumbing regulations.

Background

The *Sewerage and Water Supply Act 1949* makes provision about sewerage, sanitary conveniences, stormwater drainage and water supply. Under these provisions, the National Plumbing and Drainage Code AS/NZS 3500 Parts 0, 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 4.1 and 4.2 have been adopted in Queensland.

AS 3500.5

The preparation of Part 5 began in the mid 1990's with the intention to produce a pocket size book to cover Parts 1 to 4 for domestic installations. The pocket size book would consolidate the plumbing and drainage provisions for domestic installations, and be easily carried by plumbing inspectors and plumbers compared to Parts 1 to 4 of the Code. Part 5 was published by Standards Australia on 15 December 2000.

The Department advises that AS/NZS 3500.5 is not law in Queensland and until it is adopted under the Act, it should not be used. This recommendation is consistent with the other States that have not adopted Part 5.

In addition, the Department and the industry have identified a number of concerns with Part 5 in its present form.

The Department has submitted comments to Standards Australia recommending changes to Part 5. Until those comments have been addressed by Standards Australia, it is unlikely Part 5 will be recommended for adoption in Queensland.

Please contact Kris Nangia on (07) 323 71114 should you require further information regarding this matter.