Purpose
To advise of the extent of Queensland Fire & Rescue Service’s (QFRS) referral jurisdiction where an alternative solution is proposed in a building development application.

Background
QFRS has informed the Department that some building certifiers have refused to refer development applications involving fire safety alternative solutions to QFRS for advice.

Legislation
Schedule 2 of the Integrated Planning Regulation 1998 sets out the jurisdiction of referral agencies.

Interpretation
Where a building work application involves a fire safety system for a building or structure, other than a temporary or special structure, the application must be referred to the QFRS for advice –

- If the application includes provision for a special fire service; OR
- If the application includes provision for alternative solution assessed against the performance requirements of Volume 1 of the Building Code of Australia.

The advice jurisdiction for the QFRS for special fire services is set out in Schedule 3 of the Standard Building Regulation 1993. The advice jurisdiction for the QFRS for alternative solutions is the Building Act 1975.

Please note that special rules apply for alternative solutions in budget accommodation buildings that involve fire safety management procedures.

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