CHANGES TO QUEENSLAND’S BUILDING LEGISLATION

Purpose
The purpose of this newsflash is to advise you that the State Government has drafted changes to revise Queensland’s Standard Building Regulation 1993 and to seek your feedback and comments on the proposed legislation.

Legislation
The changes have been made because under the Statutory Instruments Act 1992, all subordinate legislation must be reviewed every 10 years.

The revised legislation has been reorganised so that the regulations integrate effectively with related legislation – the Building Act 1975 and the Integrated Planning Act 1997.

The revision does not include significant policy change. It doesn’t change the existing provisions, but it does make a big difference to the way the legislation is written and arranged.

Where can I see the changes?
Documents related to the proposed changes include a policy paper, the Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006, Building Regulation 2006 and the Integrated Planning Amendment Regulation 2006.

These documents are now available to be viewed or downloaded at www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=3173. If you wish to receive a copy of these documents, please see the ordering link on the above page or visit Building Codes Publications in the LGP eStore at www.lgp.qld.gov.au/estore.

What’s the next step?
Comments and feedback on the legislation should focus on any problems of interpretation or perceived variation from existing provisions. There is limited opportunity to change the format of the draft legislation at this time.

Your views are specifically sought in relation to the proposed policy changes.

Where do I get more information?
Further information about the proposed changes can be obtained from Building Codes Queensland by emailing buildingcodes@dlgpsr.qld.gov.au

How can I have my say?
Submissions on the legislative changes are both welcome and encouraged. All submissions should be addressed to: 

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Feedback should be submitted in writing to the Department by 5pm on Friday 30 December 2005.

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