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Draft Building Code of Australia 2009 and *Guide to the BCA ABCB handbook—Digital TV antenna installation*

Purpose

To advise a draft of proposed amendments to be incorporated in the 2009 edition of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and *Guide to the BCA* are now available for public comment and to also advise that a new *ABCB handbook—Digital TV antenna systems* has been published.

Background

Draft BCA 2009 and *Guide to the BCA*

The BCA and *Guide to the BCA* are updated annually, with the 2009 edition due for commencement on 1 May 2009. Draft proposals have been developed to amend volume one and volume two of the BCA and the *Guide to the BCA*.

Interested stakeholders may comment on any of the proposed amendments before they are finalised. Comments must be received by **5 pm Friday 1 August 2008** and should be sent to BCA2009@abcb.gov.au using the response form, available from the ABCB website www.abcb.gov.au.

ABCB handbook—Digital TV antenna systems

The Australian Government has announced that all free-to-air television broadcast signals will be digital by the end of 2013. This involves moving from analog to digital transmission by broadcasters and the conversion and replacement of analog television sets in all households. It is important for building industry professionals and the general community to be aware of the changes and the impact it will have on buildings.

A non-mandatory ABCB handbook has been developed by the Digital Switchover Taskforce of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the Australian Communications and Media Authority to help industry prepare for digital television.

Availability of the documents

Draft changes to the BCA and *Guide to the BCA* may be viewed at: <http://www.abcb.gov.au/go/whatweredoing/workprogram/projectsko/bcamaint> or by following the links from the 'What's new' page on the ABCB website.

The *ABCB handbook—Digital TV antenna systems* installation may be viewed by following the links from the 'What's new' page on the ABCB website.

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