



# Building Newsflash

## REFERRAL OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO QUEENSLAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### 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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