



Building Newsflash

Show Cause and Enforcement Notices

Purpose

The purpose of this newsflash is to inform council officers and private building certifiers of the importance of the accuracy of legislative references in show cause and enforcement notices.

Background

The new *Building Regulation 2006* (BR) and changes to the *Building Act 1975* (BA), *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA), and *Integrated Planning Regulation 1998* (IPR) commenced on 1 September 2006. Changes to the BA include the incorporation of new provisions and the relocation of the existing ones.

Since the commencement of these changes, errors have been noted in show cause and enforcement notices issued by some councils. Errors of this nature may affect the validity of notices in some circumstances.

Show cause and enforcement notice provisions are now contained in the new Chapter 9 of the BA. Even though there has been little change to the general content of these provisions, the order and section numbers have changed.

Recommendation

Because of substantial renumbering and other changes to the building legislation, council officers and private building certifiers should review their templates and processes relating to show cause and enforcement notices.

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