

Building newsflash

Consultation on revision of construction requirements in bushfire prone areas

Purpose

To advise that a regulatory impact statement (RIS) for the proposed revision of requirements for construction in bushfire prone areas is available on the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) website for public comment.

Background

ABCB RIS draft standard

Class 1a (detached, row, terrace and town houses or villa units) and 1b (hostels, boarding and guest houses under 300 m² in which not more than 12 people would ordinarily be resident) buildings must comply with performance requirement P2.3.4 of the BCA (Vol 2) where they are constructed in accordance with the second and current edition of Australian Standard AS 3959—1999 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas.

AS 3959—1999 is being reviewed and a RIS has been prepared. The standard is referenced in the Building Code of Australia (BCA). The new revised edition is planned to replace the second edition.

Interested stakeholders may comment on the documents before they are finalised. Comments should be addressed to the ABCB general manager at: Consultationris@abcb.gov.au. The comment period closes on 12 December 2008.

How to view the documents

Draft copies of AS 3959—2008 and the consultation RIS may be viewed at:
www.abcb.gov.au/index.cfm?objectID=AE2853AB-E7B6-F9CD-640EF12C2F819160
www.abcb.gov.au/index.cfm?objectid=AE09BC5F-9CF1-FFDE-A9F8E0775A01405B

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