



# Building newsflash

## Revision of the BCA requirements for automatic fire sprinkler systems

### Purpose

To advise stakeholders that a draft of the revision of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirements for automatic fire sprinkler systems has been released for consultation.

### Background

The BCA references AS 2118.1-1999 as the standard for fire sprinklers.

It is proposed to replace the existing BCA referenced standard for fire sprinklers—AS 2118.1-1999 with a new document based on both the 1999 Standard and a 2006 Australian Standard. The new document and the consequential BCA changes have been developed by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) in collaboration with a specifically formed reference group. The proposal is intended to remove industry confusion, re-establish policy direction within the BCA and to incorporate contemporary information contained within the 2006 Standard.

The consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS), draft reference sprinkler document and draft BCA changes for the abovementioned proposal are now available on the ABCB website and can be accessed at: [www.abcb.gov.au/index.cfm?objectID=0137ED77-CF6B-EF00-B378AC67A4F7C641](http://www.abcb.gov.au/index.cfm?objectID=0137ED77-CF6B-EF00-B378AC67A4F7C641)

The ABCB is inviting submissions on the proposal, closing on **6 March 2009**.

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