



Building Newsflash

Proposed amendments to the Fire Safety Standard for budget accommodation buildings

Purpose

To seek comments on the proposed amendments to the Fire Safety Standard, Part 14, of the Queensland Development Code for budget accommodation buildings.

Background

Prior to 1 July 2003, owners of all budget accommodation buildings built, approved, or for which an application was made prior to 1 January 1992, must have upgraded their buildings to meet the first two requirements of the Fire Safety Standard, namely smoke alarms and emergency lighting. In addition, a Fire Safety Management Plan has to be prepared.

Amendments

As a result of an internal review and from comments received by stakeholders, some minor improvements to the Fire Safety Standard have been identified.

The proposed amendments will clarify the meaning of certain text. This will assist the owners of budget accommodation to meet their obligation in complying with the provisions of the Fire Safety Standard, in particular the maintenance provisions. It is also intended to assist the following stakeholders:

- Local Government Officers
- Building Certifiers
- Fire protection Contractors
- Fire engineers, architects and building designers.

A copy of the Fire Safety Standard, with the proposed amendments highlighted in green can be located on the Department's website www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/building_codes together with explanatory notes to assist in identifying where the proposed changes appear in the Standard.

Comments on the proposed amendments are required by 27 June 2003. The comments may be emailed, faxed or in writing to Mr Allan Wendt, Senior Projects Officer, on Fax 07 32371248 or email Allan.Wendt@dlgp.qld.gov.au