



# Building Newsflash

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

### Purpose

To seek comments on the proposed changes to the building certification system as outlined in the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the proposed *Building Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2003*. A RIS about the proposed regulation has been prepared in accordance with the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*. It constitutes the final stage of the preparation of the regulation following extensive consultation with client groups.

### Background

The Regulation will complement amendments to the *Building Act 1975* made under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*, in order to implement improvements to the building certification system and the outcomes of the National Competition Policy review of the *Building Act 1975* and its subordinate legislation. The proposed regulation supports the objectives of maximising community benefits from the performance of the private building certification system.

### Key improvements proposed include:

- Greater scrutiny in the licensing and practice of building certifiers;
- Improved documentation requirements for the approval of building work;
- More rigorous procedures for the inspection of building work;
- Introduction of on-the-spot fines for certain offences by building certifiers;
- Implementation of a legislative framework to adopt the Queensland Development Code; and
- Introduction of new contemporary siting standards for single detached housing.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement, the draft Regulation, Explanatory Notes, and Code of Conduct may be obtained by telephoning (07) 3235 9556, emailing [BuildingCodes@dlgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:BuildingCodes@dlgp.qld.gov.au), visiting the Department's website at <http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au>, or by writing to:  
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