

Queensland Government

Building Codes Queensland

Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation

# **Building Newsflash**

## **REMINDER – WATER SAVINGS TARGETS PART 25 OF THE QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

#### Purpose

The purpose of this Newsflash is to remind councils outside South East Queensland that from 1 July 2007 water savings targets under Part 25 of the Queensland Development Code (QDC) apply to applications lodged for the construction of Class 1 buildings in their areas.

#### Background

On 18 December 2006, Building Newsflash 254 advised councils about the changes to Part 25 of the QDC. Water savings targets were applied to applications lodged for the construction new houses in all councils in South East Queensland from 1 January 2007 and they will apply state-wide from 1 July 2007.

Acceptable solutions for meeting the targets include the installation of rainwater tanks or use of dual reticulation, communal rainwater tanks and stormwater reuse measures. Further details are provided at <u>http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=247</u>.

Councils wishing to apply for an exemption for all or part of their local government area may apply to the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport using the <u>Application for an exemption</u> (DPDF 683 kB) – QDC Part 25 Water Savings Targets form.

Applications may be approved where viable water savings options are not found or there is a secured future water supply. A list of approved exemptions is provided on the Department's website at <u>www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=4174</u>.

#### Legislation

Building Act 1975 Building Regulation 2006

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