



Building Newsflash

Guidelines for Queensland Development Code Part 25: Water Savings Targets for councils, plumbers, builders and developers

Purpose

To advise that guidelines for the *Queensland Development Code Part 25: Water Savings Targets* are now available on the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation's web site - http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/docs/building_codes/housing/water-saving/QDC-Part-25-guidelines.pdf

The purpose of these guidelines is to assist councils and industry with implementation of the targets.

Background

Queensland is currently experiencing its longest drought for many years. As part of the Queensland Government's response, new houses and townhouses must meet water savings targets to assist in reducing demand on our water resources.

Mandatory water savings targets apply to applications lodged for construction of new houses in Southeast Queensland from 1 January 2007, and Statewide from 1 July 2007. The targets for each council area can be found in Part 25 of the Queensland Development Code (QDC) which is available online at:

http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/docs/building_codes/queensland_development_code/draft/QDC_Part25_draft.pdf.

The guidelines offer advice on planning and building requirements, plumbing requirements, maintenance, relevant legislation, public health and other useful references.

Legislation

Building Act 1975

Building Regulation 2006

Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002

Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003

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