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Draft end-of-trip facilities code available for consultation

Purpose

To advise a revised draft of Queensland Development Code (QDC) Mandatory Part 4.1 – Sustainable buildings, including provisions for end-of-trip facilities for cyclists, is available for consultation.

Background

The Queensland Government's Cleaner Greener Buildings 2009 election policy included a commitment to introduce mandatory end-of-trip facilities for cyclists (including racks, lockers and showers) in all new major developments around key activity centres, and all new commercial buildings greater than 2000 square metres.

The addition of these facilities in new buildings will encourage people to get out of their cars and use alternative means of transport, which will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the growing demand on Queensland's road network. The draft QDC is a clear demonstration of how Growth Management Queensland, through Building Codes Queensland, is leading the way with a focused approach to growth management by ensuring sustainable urban development, which will help shape tomorrow's Queensland.

Changes to the Code — have your say

Building Codes Queensland, in consultation with key stakeholders, has developed an amendment to the QDC to include provisions for end-of-trip facilities in new developments and significant additions to major developments. The QDC proposes a definition of a major development as an office (class 5) building, shopping centre, tertiary educational facility or hospital greater than 2000 square metres.

In June 2010, a first draft of the QDC provisions was sent to targeted local government and industry stakeholders. As a result of feedback from that phase of consultation, a revised draft QDC has now been developed. The revised draft QDC provides a greater role for local government to apply the policy in a flexible way that meets local needs.

The revised draft QDC is now available for consultation and can also be accessed on the department's website. Comments on the code will be open for a period of four weeks. Please forward your comments and feedback to buildingcodes@dip.qld.gov.au by COB Friday 15 October 2010.





Legislation

Building Regulation 2006
Building Act 1975
Sustainable Planning Act 2009
Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009

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