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## Overview

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is consulting on the potential inclusion of all-gender bathroom provisions in the National Construction Code (NCC).

We are seeking input from industry and interested stakeholders.

The suggested changes include:

- A voluntary Deemed-to-Satisfy pathway in Section F, F4 Sanitary and Other Facilities
- Replacing and consistently using 'gender' instead of 'sex' and 'accessible' instead of 'unisex' throughout the NCC.

The suggested changes will enable practitioners to provide all-gender sanitary facilities alongside male, female and accessible facilities.

The changes can be found in the embedded PDF below, or are available from the **Related Documents** section at the bottom of this page.

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These changes have not been included in the NCC 2025 Public Comment Draft (PCD). We are running a separate consultation because this topic needs both technical and policy consideration. If you would like to view and provide comments on other proposed changes for NCC 2025, you can visit the [PCD consultation](#) `</engagement/ncc-2025-public-comment-draft/consult_view/>`.

## Providing comment

Submissions will be accepted via the ABCB consultation hub until Monday 1 July 2024. We invite and encourage stakeholders to provide their input to help inform our next steps.

## General information

You will be asked to answer the following general questions before answering questions on the proposed changes to the NCC.

The survey questions are broken up by the following changes:

Section F, F4 Sanitary and Other Facilities, Clause F4D3 and F4D4; and

Changes in terminology 'gender' instead of 'sex' and 'accessible' instead of 'unisex'

There will be the opportunity to provide any additional feedback at the end of the survey.

1 Important: Please ensure that you have read and understood the below statements before proceeding

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All submissions and comments will be published unless they are marked 'commercial-in-confidence'. However, any contact details you provide within your submission will be redacted prior to the submission being published.

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It is the responsibility of the person making the submission to ensure that any 'commercial-in-confidence' information is clearly identified. Please consider if you can structure your response to keep only some parts confidential. If only part of your submission is confidential, you can provide the confidential part as a separate submission so that the ABCB can publish the non-confidential part of the submission.

Where confidentiality is requested for an entire submission, it will not be published by the ABCB, nor will your name or organisation details; however, see the comments below regarding Regulation Impact Statements.

Please note that we may still disclose the confidential part of your submission to any of the above identified users of the information as part of the consultation process and we will use reasonable efforts to ensure that the recipients keep the submission confidential.

Submissions for Regulation Impact Statements will be made public in accordance with the Council of Australian Government's [Best Practice Regulation: A Guide for Ministerial Councils and National Standard Setting Bodies](https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/regulation/best-practice-regulation-guide-ministerial-councils-and-national-standard-setting-bodies) <<https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/regulation/best-practice-regulation-guide-ministerial-councils-and-national-standard-setting-bodies>> . A summary of the views expressed in the submissions will be published as part of the Regulation Impact Statement.

The ABCB or the ABCB Office may also disclose confidential information in circumstances where:

- we are required or authorised by law disclose it;
- you agree to the information being disclosed; or
- someone other than you has made the confidential information public.

Your submission, comments, opinions and responses will not be published if the ABCB or the ABCB Office considers that your submission, comments, opinions and responses may contain potentially defamatory statements or other offensive comments.



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## Public Consultation: All-gender sanitary facilities



2 By making a submission to this consultation you agree to the collection of the information you provide in your submission; and the use and disclosure of the information you provide in your submission as outlined above.

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Publish response
- Publish response anonymously (this will remove personal identifiers including, name and organisation)
- Do not publish

3 What is your name?

Name *(Required)*

4 What is your email address?

Email *(Required)*

5 Are you completing this submission on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Organisation
- Individual

If completing on behalf of your organisation, please provide the organisation name

Section F Sanitary and Other Facilities

These questions relate to:

Section F, F4 Sanitary and Other Facilities, Clause F4D3 and F4D4.

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## All-gender sanitary facilities

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**1** Do you agree the proposed changes to the NCC will make it easier to provide all-gender facilities?

*(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yes  
 No

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

**2** Are there any sections or clauses of the proposed changes that you find unclear or difficult to interpret?

*(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yes  
 No

Select clause

Please select only one item

- F4D3  
 F4D4  
 Both F4D3 and F4D4

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

**3** Noting the voluntary nature of the proposed amendments to Section F, F4 Sanitary and Other Facilities, Clause F4D3 and F4D4, are there any unintended consequences or potential challenges that you foresee because of the proposed changes?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

Select clause

*Please select only one item*

- F4D3  
 F4D4  
 Both F4D3 and F4D4

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

**4** Noting the voluntary nature of the proposed amendments to Section F, F4 Sanitary and Other Facilities, Clause F4D3 and F4D4, are there any potential economic impacts, such as cost implications, associated with the proposed changes that you would like to highlight?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

Select clause

*Please select only one item*

- F4D3  
 F4D4  
 Both F4D3 and F4D4

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

**5** Do you have any recommendations for amendments, additions, or deletions from the proposed changes to improve its clarity, effectiveness or relevance?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

Select clause

*Please select only one item*

- F4D3  
 F4D4  
 Both F4D3 and F4D4

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

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**1** Do you agree with replacing and consistently using 'gender' instead of 'sex' and 'accessible' instead of 'unisex' throughout the NCC?

*(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yes  
 No

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

**2** Do you have any recommendations for amendments, additions, or deletions from the proposed change in terminology to improve its clarity, effectiveness or relevance?

*(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yes  
 No

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below



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**3** Are there any unintended consequences or potential challenges that you foresee because of the proposed change in terminology?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

If you would like to provide additional information to support your answer, please do so below

**Additional feedback**

**1** Is there anything else you would like to add or additional feedback you believe is important for us to consider as part of this consultation?

Provide answer below

**Please attach a copy of any documents you wish to include to this printout.**

Upload any additional/supporting information to support your submission below