

Please note: this document is a preview of the survey only and is not for submitting feedback. To submit feedback, please complete the online survey on the ABCBC [Consultation Hub](#) website.

## Overview

### About the consultation

Have your say on proposed changes to the next edition of the [National Construction Code](https://ncc.abcb.gov.au/) (NCC). Your feedback is invited on the NCC 2025 Public Comment Draft (PCD) until **Monday 1 July 2024**.

Your invitation to the NCC Public Comment Draft



The NCC is updated every 3 years, based on required regulatory practices, industry research, public feedback provided and policy directions from governments to the [Australian Building Codes Board](http://www.abcb.gov.au/) (ABCBC) between publishing cycles. Updated content is included in the Public Comment Draft for consultation. During the NCC Public Comment Draft consultation process, the ABCBC seeks feedback on the suggested amendments and/or inclusions to the next edition of the NCC.

Public comment is invited on the following significant amendments proposed for the next edition of the NCC:

- [Commercial building energy efficiency](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-commercial-building-energy-efficiency)
- [Carpark fire safety improvements](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-carpark-fire-safety-improvements) **Condensation mitigation**
- [mitigation](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-condensation-mitigation)
- [Improving waterproofing and water shedding provisions](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-improving-waterproofing-and-water-shedding-provisions)
- [Improving structural Performance Solutions](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-improving-structural-performance-solutions)
- [Improving fire safety Performance Solutions](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-improving-fire-safety-performance-solutions)
- [Adequate toilets for women](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-adequate-toilets-women)
- [Improvements to plumbing provisions](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-improvements-plumbing-provisions)
- [Apartment energy efficiency – centralised heated water systems](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-apartment-energy-efficiency-centralised-heated-water-systems)
- [Housing energy efficiency – thermal breaks](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-housing-energy-efficiency-thermal-breaks)
- [Assisting future electrification and EV charging in homes](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-assisting-future-electrification-and-ev-charging-homes)
- [Re-entry from fire-isolated exits](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-re-entry-fire-isolated-exits)
- [Hybrid photoluminescent exit signs](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-hybrid-photoluminescent-exit-signs)
- [NCC Referenced documents](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-ncc-referenced-documents)
- [Fire hazard properties](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-fire-hazard-properties)
- [Use of an Accredited Testing Laboratory](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-use-accredited-testing-laboratory)
- [Alternative referenced documents](https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-alternative-referenced-documents)

## Why your views matter

Public consultation is a crucial part of the National Construction Code (NCC) development process. Your comments and feedback help inform the final version of the next edition of the NCC.

## Providing comment

Responses to the Public Comment Draft are invited until **Monday 1 July 2024**.

In line with the ABCBC's process for undertaking public consultation, comment will only be accepted through the ABCBC's online Consultation Hub.

## Resources

Documents, including the Public Comment Draft and the response forms, are available from the **Related Documents** section at the bottom of this page.

Download the NCC volume(s) you wish to view and provide comment on from the bottom of this page. You can also download the *supporting information* PDF for detailed information on the more significant/complex changes.

Download the response form ([standard response](#) <user\_uploads/ncc-pcd-response-template-2.docx> [form](#) <user\_uploads/ncc-pcd-response-template-2.docx> and/or the [energy efficiency](#) <user\_uploads/ncc-pcd-response-template-energy-efficiency-2.docx> [response form](#) <user\_uploads/ncc-pcd-response-template-energy-efficiency-2.docx> )

Once you've reviewed the Public Comment Draft, complete the response form with your feedback on the suggested changes to the NCC.

## To submit your comments

Enter our Public Comment Draft consultation. Start by agreeing to the [privacy statement](#).

Let us know if you'd like your submission published publicly.

Enter your contact details.

Upload your completed form in .doc format (please make sure each file is under 25MB) and submit.

## Comments relating to energy efficiency

If your response relates to **energy efficiency**, please use the energy efficiency response form. This form contains pre-filled references to some of the key changes to energy efficiency clauses. It includes focus questions to help us better understand your views on these proposed changes. The focus questions are for guidance: your feedback is not restricted to the issue raised in these questions.

You are not required to provide feedback on all (or any) of the clauses identified in the pre-filled content. A

preview of the consultation is provided as a related document at the bottom of this page.

If you have a question about this consultation, please [contact us](#).

## NCC 2025 PCD document change log

The NCC 2025 Public Comment Draft Housing Provisions file provided on ABCBC's Consultation Hub between 12:01 AM and 12:15 PM Wednesday 1 May 2024 contained an omission. The following provisions, that are proposed as new or amended for NCC 2025, were missing:

13.7.7 Water heater in a heated water supply system

13.7.10 Switchboard capacity

13.7.11 Provision for electric vehicle charging

An updated NCC 2025 Public Comment Draft Housing Provisions file (V1.1) has been uploaded in place of the file that contained the omission. Those who have downloaded the previous file are advised to refer to the updated file instead.

File	Error	Correction
ABCBC Housing Provisions	Omission of 13.7.7, 13.7.10 and 13.7.11	File replaced: Housing Provisions V1.1 contains omitted provisions
Volume One	S5C22: 'if it' is shown proposed deleted	... clause if it is <del>and open deck carpark</del> or is protected ...

## Information Collection

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

#### Privacy Collection Statement

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) outlined in Schedule 1 of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act), which regulates how entities may collect, use, disclose and store personal information.

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The personal and sensitive information collected as part of the submission process may be disclosed to and used by the following individuals or organisations:

- the Department of Industry, Science and Resources or the ABCB Office, and the staff of the Department and the ABCB Office; the
- ABCB, its committees and any working groups established by the ABCB, and their staff and advisors;
- the Commonwealth Government, and State and Territory Ministers responsible for building regulation and policy, and their staff and advisors;
- other Commonwealth or State and Territory government departments and agencies;
- any consultant or contractor engaged by the ABCB for the purpose of undertaking work in respect of the subject matter of the submission process. any
- organisation for any authorised purpose with your express consent, for the purposes set out above.

Personal and sensitive information obtained will be stored and held in accordance with the ABCB's obligations under the *Archives Act 1983* (Cth). Further information about how the ABCB collects, uses and discloses personal information is set out in its [Privacy Policy](https://www.abcb.gov.au/privacy-policy) <<https://www.abcb.gov.au/privacy-policy>> .

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Privacy Contact Officer Australian  
Building Codes Board GPO Box  
2013  
Canberra ACT 2601

#### Confidential Information Statement

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.

In order to promote debate and transparency, the ABCB prefers that all submissions and comments be provided in a way that does not require confidentiality to be maintained. However, it recognises that in some circumstances you may want to provide information in confidence.

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://oia.pmc.gov.au/resources/guidance-impact-analysis/regulatory-impact-analysis-guide-ministers-meetings-and-national) <<https://oia.pmc.gov.au/resources/guidance-impact-analysis/regulatory-impact-analysis-guide-ministers-meetings-and-national>> . 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.

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

## Submission

What is your name?

Name

What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email

What is your organisation?

Organisation

Download response sheet

[NCC Public Comment Draft Response Sheet](#)

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Provide your response(s) to the Public Comment Draft. Please provide feedback on your interpretation of the technicality and readability of For each response you should include:

- the relevant NCC volume(s) that your response relates to by clicking in the appropriate box(es); the
- **“Clause/Figure/Table”** that you are responding to, e.g. J6.2(a)(i), Figure 3.7.1.9 or Table C1.1;
- your **“recommended change to draft”**, e.g. it is recommended that the proposed drafting to J6.2(a)(i) be amended as follows... If you are not recommending a change, insert “N/A” in this field.
- your **“comments/reasons for change”**. This should include justification to support your recommended change, e.g. heaters that emit light do not need to be excluded because these heaters have already been exempted by J6.2(c)(iv). If you are including multiple **“comments/reasons”**, use dot points or a numbered list.

[Comments relating to energy efficiency](#)

[Download Energy Efficiency Public Comment Draft Resonse Sheet](#) <user\_uploads/ncc-pcd-response-template-energy-efficiency-3.docx>

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All submissions where you have indicated you would like your response published will be reviewed and information redacted (if required) prior to publication.

Upload response sheet *(Required)*

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