



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Disconnection of Backflow Prevention Device

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1 Purpose of this Information Bulletin

Advise clients of the correct process for notifying Mackay Regional Council when a backflow prevention device has been removed/disconnected.

2 Background

There has been an increase in the number of backflow prevention devices being removed/disconnected without appropriate notification being given to council and without evidence that the device has been lawfully removed and the "hazard" (as defined in AS/NZS 3500.1.20903) no longer exists.

3 Details

When a backflow prevention device is removed/disconnected, the following must be submitted to Mackay Regional Council:

- (a) completed Form 9 for each backflow prevention device removed/disconnected with appropriate explanation of why the hazard no longer exists (*e.g. wash bay has been decommissioned; potable water supply has been disconnected from the alternative water supply*); AND
- (b) copy of relevant Form 4 Notifiable Work and associated "as constructed" plans submitted by the licensed plumber to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission.

4 Relevant legislation

AS/NZS3500.1:2003

Clause 4.3 - CROSS-CONNECTION HAZARD RATING

Clause 4.4 - PROVISION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES

Clause 4.5 - SUITABILITY OF DEVICES FOR HAZARDS

Table 4.1 - SUITABILITY OF DEVICES

Table 14.1 - BACKFLOW PREVENTION-MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONE PROTECTION

Appendix F - TYPES OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003

Schedule 2 - Notifiable work, Section 6C Part 1 - Notifiable work, 8. "Work necessary for installing, replacing or removing a testable backflow prevention device"

5 Date of Effect

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6 Enquiries

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