



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Change to Plumbing Inspection Process - Below Ground Water Services.

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1 Purpose of this Information Bulletin

To advise plumbing industry stakeholders of a change to the plumbing inspection process.

2 Background

There are concerns that below ground polyethylene pressure pipes are being installed incorrectly leading to the failure of products, water wastage and unnecessary costs to property owners.

3 Details

As of August 4, 2014, all below ground water services must be inspected during one of the mandatory plumbing and drainage inspection stages (e.g. underslab, rough-in etc) prior to the placement of final backfill.

4 Relevant legislation

- Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002.
- Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003, Part 3 Section 21 '*Covering plumbing and drainage or on-site sewerage facility*' and Section 22 '*Testing and commissioning plumbing and drainage*'.
- Polyethylene pressure pipes below ground must be installed in accordance with, but not limited to, AS/NZS3500.1:2003 Clause 5.10 and 5.12 and Figure 5.5.

5 Date of Effect

This change will come into effect from August 4, 2014.

6 Enquiries

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