

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 611

Plumbing and Drainage and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2022

Purpose

To advise of the commencement of the Plumbing and Drainage and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2022 (the Regulation), and the publication of a Guideline clarifying the requirements for the supply of recycled greywater for cooling tower treatment plants.

Background

The *Building and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022* (the Act) commenced on 10 June 2022.

The Act reflects a commitment to the [Queensland Building Plan](#), which seeks to modernise Queensland's building and construction legislation and ensures the regulatory framework continues to meet consumer and industry expectations.

To support the amendments in the Act, the Regulation makes a range of consequential amendments to the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 and State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014.

Key amendments in the Regulation include:

- allowing a new use and standard for greywater for use in air-conditioning cooling towers
- enabling local governments to issue permits for recycled greywater in air-conditioning cooling tower treatment plants, and for a holding tank to be installed for a temporary period
- requiring an application for a cooling tower treatment plant to include a greywater management plan
- re-introducing penalty infringement notices for contravening enforcement notices offences under section 147(1) of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*
- refining terminology in the Regulation to reflect current uses.

The amendments commenced on **2 December 2022**.

To further assist consumers and industry to meet the requirements introduced by the Act and the Regulation, the following Guideline has been prepared – [Requirements for the supply of recycled greywater for cooling tower treatment plants](#).

The Guideline provides information on the design, installation, commission, operation and maintenance of greywater cooling tower treatment plants introduced by the amendments.

More information

For more information on the Regulation and explanatory notes, visit the Queensland Government legislation [website](#).

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