



# Building Newsflash

## WATER SAVINGS TARGETS PART 25 OF THE QUEENSLAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

### Purpose

The purpose of this Newsflash is to advise councils outside South East Queensland that from 1 July 2007 water savings targets under Part 25 of the Queensland Development Code (QDC) apply to applications lodged for the construction of Class 1 buildings in their areas.

The Water savings targets will not apply in local government areas where an exemption has been granted. The following Councils have been granted an exemption under Part 25 QDC:

- Cairns City Council – 1 year exemption
- Cardwell Shire Council – 3 year exemption
- Charters City Council – 3 year exemption
- Cook Shire Council – 3 year exemption
- Eacham Shire Council – 3 year exemption
- Emerald Shire Council – 3 year exemption
- Hinchinbrook Shire Council – 3 year exemption
- Jericho Shire Council – 3 year exemption
- Johnstone Shire Council – 3 year exemption

A full list of local government areas where an exemption has been granted can be found on the Department's website <http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=4174#Exem>

### Background

On 18 December 2006, Building Newsflash 254 advised councils about the changes to Part 25 of the QDC. Water savings targets were applied to applications lodged for the construction new houses in all councils in South East Queensland from 1 January 2007 and they will apply state-wide from 1 July 2007.

Acceptable solutions for meeting the targets include the installation of rainwater tanks or use of dual reticulation, communal rainwater tanks and stormwater reuse measures. Further details are provided at <http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=247>.

### Legislation

*Building Act 1975*

*Building Regulation 2006*

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