

# Building and Plumbing Newsflash 504

## Review of hot water system laws: consultation

### Purpose

To advise that the Queensland Government is reviewing hot water system installation and replacement laws and is seeking feedback and submissions from industry and the general public.

### Background

Electric resistive hot water systems can account for about 25 per cent of total household energy use.

The Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code currently requires that greenhouse efficient systems i.e. gas, solar or heat pump systems, are installed in new houses and townhouses and when an electric system is being replaced in an existing home located in a gas reticulated area.

The requirement does not apply to electric systems that are being replaced when they are still under warranty, in which case they can be replaced with a like-for-like system. Owners of existing homes located outside a reticulated natural gas area are still able to replace their existing electric resistive hot water system with another electric resistive system or voluntarily upgrade to a greenhouse-efficient system.

### Have your say

The government has committed to a review of laws relating to hot water systems and is now seeking feedback on Queensland's current hot water system laws.

Feedback can be submitted until **5 pm, Monday 15 October 2012**:

- by completing a survey through the [Get Involved website](#)
- by post to:  
**Attention:** Building Codes Queensland  
Department of Housing and Public Works  
PO Box 15009  
City East QLD 4002
- by email to [buildingcodes@qld.gov.au](mailto:buildingcodes@qld.gov.au) (please include 'Attention: Hot water system laws feedback' in the subject line).

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