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BUILDING LICENCES – DOMESTIC SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

The Department of Environmental Protection has identified, as part of the implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan, with input from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development (represented on their Building Codes & Domestic Heating Working Group), that the regulation of heating appliances will assist in the reduction of atmospheric haze within the metropolitan area.

Heating appliances (namely, free standing and insert fireplaces/flues) are regulated within the Building Code of Australia (BCA), in Part 3.7.3 of Volume 2, which requires that heating appliances be installed in accordance with AS 2918 (Domestic Solid Fuel Burning Appliances-Installation) or in accordance with acceptable construction practice.

As such, local authorities have the capacity to ask for the submission of a building licence application so as to ensure that these heating appliances are designed and installed in accordance with national standards.

Regulation will also ensure that adequate fire safety requirements are met. Therefore, it is recommended that local governments require applications for building licences for freestanding and insert fireplaces/flues.

Further information may be obtained from the Building Control Section on (08) 9222 0511.

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