

MBIE to consult twice yearly on changes to the Building Code System

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MBIE will now consult on a regular six-monthly cycle to ensure Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods are up to date.

In the past, public consultations on changes to Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods have been on an irregular basis with no defined timeframe year to year. These documents are necessary for the building and construction sector and that process did not provide the certainty, clarity or consistency the industry requires.

The new bi-annual consultation process will allow the sector, including owners, builders, building consent authorities, architects and designers, to keep up to date more easily because they will know when consultations will be issued.

There will be two consultation periods each year, the first being held in February/March and the second in August/September. These consultation periods have been chosen so as not to coincide with holiday periods. Publication dates are then programmed for 30 June and 30 November.

The intent of setting regular consultation times is to assist MBIE to be more responsive to industry and reduce the number and scale for any changes required to maintain the system. This is expected to make the content more manageable for the sector and easier to plan for. It will also provide the flexibility to enable timely incremental changes to be made regularly while also allowing more complex changes to be rolled over into the next update cycle if required.

MBIE welcomes feedback on this change in process:

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