

LBP Registrar's update (Codewords 94)

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Happy new year and welcome to 2020. I hope that your summer holidays have been restful and enjoyable.



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We can expect yet another busy year ahead as things don't seem to be slowing down. The recent National Construction Pipeline Report 2019 indicated continuing residential building sector growth to a massive \$26.5 billion nationally in 2020.

Last year, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) consulted on the biggest building law reforms since the Building Act was introduced in 2004. Over the next year, we look forward to seeing some of these changes flowing through and having real impacts. There will be further opportunities for you to have your say, so keep your eyes open for consultations and changes that might affect you.

Continuous improvement of the Building Code

In this edition, our first article covers the biannual update of the Building Code. The biannual consultation process is relatively new and presents an opportunity for better engagement with the industry, including licensed building practitioners (LBPs).

The latest round of updates, announced in November 2019, included changes to the requirements for foundations on liquefaction-prone ground. These changes will be highlighted in a further article in LBP Knowledge later this year.

Compliant timber joinery

Our second article looks at timber joinery. As Kiwi homes have changed, we are installing less timber joinery than we used to. However, it is far from obsolete. It's important to meet current Building Code requirements using timber joinery, and this article provides some tips for specifying and selecting the right product for the job.

Thanks for reading. Until next time.

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