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# BUILDING NOTE

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## Impact of Climate Change on Design Wind Speeds in Cyclonic Regions

The purpose of this Building Note is to advise building practitioners that a report entitled Impact of Climate Change on Design Wind Speeds in Cyclonic Regions June 2008 and the related Consultation Regulation Impact Statement March 2010 have been released for public comment.

### **Background**

There has been considerable debate about the Northern Territory's cyclone preparedness, the potential impact of climate change on the frequency and intensity of cyclonic activity and the associated implications on the current building codes.

Accordingly, in 2007 the Northern Territory submitted a proposal to the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) to commission a study examining climate change and the impact climate change may have on the frequency and intensity of cyclonic events. This was on the basis that the issue is broader than the Northern Territory and would require a national approach to the research on the impacts of climate change in cyclonic areas. (Queensland/ Northern Territory/ Western Australia).

### **Current**

The report and the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) is now on national exhibition to allow industry and the community to make comment after which the ABCB can make a decision on what changes, if any, are to be made to the Building Code of Australia.

The report and RIS can be obtain from the ABCB website [www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au). Comments are to be sent to [consultationris@abcb.gov.au](mailto:consultationris@abcb.gov.au). Submissions or comments can be made by 10 September 2010.

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