

BUILDING ADVISORY SERVICES BRANCH

BUILDING NOTE

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Notification of recent changes to Building Appeals Board Policy No. BAB 004

The Building Appeals Board (BAB) at their meeting of 10 February 2009 have amended policy No. BAB 004 - Role of Board - Performance Based Assessment. (copy attached).

The main change is that the BAB will no longer determine whether an alternative solution complies with the performance measures of the BCA. The BAB will now only provide an assessment/review service to evaluate the assessment methods used by the building certifier to arrive at an alternative solution based on the performance methods of the BCA

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the registrar of the BAB Anne Hammond on 89998972.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY BUILDING APPEALS BOARD

BUILDING POLICY NO: BAB 004

ROLE OF BOARD – PERFORMANCE BASED ASSESSMENT

With the adoption of the performance based Building Code of Australia on 7 January 1998 building certifiers in the Northern Territory were given the ability to approve performance-based solutions to building design.

The Board has acknowledged its role in assisting industry in the use of alternative solutions to meet BCA performance requirements and, to this end, provides for a third party review.

The BCA is the technical policy for buildings and performance requirements should not be varied.

The Building Appeals Board will provide an assessment/review service to evaluate the assessment methods used by a building certifier to arrive at an alternative solution.

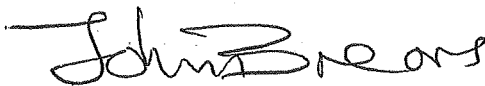
All applications for review must include:

- Relevant documents (including details of the proposal, location etc);
- A report outlining the nature of the referral, the proposed alternative solution and performance clause used (*refer BCA Clause A0.10*);
- Analysis of the design based on the current BCA assessment methods showing compliance with the performance clause (*refer BCA Clause A0.9*);
and
- Fee (*refer Regulation 8 in Schedule 1 to Building Regulation 41*):

\$100 Class 1 Building,
Class 2 Building not exceeding 3 residential storeys or
Class 10 Building
\$200 Any other building

Adopted by the Building Appeals Board on

10 February 2009



Chairman