

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 607

Commencement of a new Building Policy Framework

Purpose

To advise that a new [Building Policy Framework](#) has been developed which simplifies and clarifies important requirements for the successful delivery of Queensland Government building construction and maintenance projects.

Background

The Department of Energy and Public Works currently administers the Capital Works Management Framework, Maintenance Management Framework, Building Asset Performance Framework, and Strategic Asset Management Framework. These four building frameworks govern how agencies plan, deliver, maintain, and measure operational performance of government-owned buildings.

Following extensive consultation, a new single Building Policy Framework combining these four frameworks has been developed. The framework incorporates Best Practice Principles (BPP) for major building construction projects including workplace health and safety systems and standards, commitment to apprentices and trainees, and best practice industrial relations.

Staged implementation

The framework will be implemented by a staged process and prospectively. The first stage has commenced and applies the framework to BPP government building projects. This includes major projects of \$100 million or more, or projects declared by a Minister if a lesser value.

From 1 July 2023, the framework will apply to all other Building Construction and Maintenance procurement category projects and programs.

Until that date, existing government policies will continue to apply to non-BPP projects and programs.

The implementation of the new framework includes a requirement to use the two-stage managing contractor procurement methodology (or two stage variant) and a requirement to prequalify head contractors (including managing contractors) and subcontractors for BPP projects.

To work on a BPP project, all prequalified contractors will be required to confirm their understanding of BPP, including the Queensland Government's key terms and conditions that reflect best practice for major projects.

Updates have been made to the [prequalification \(PQC\) system](#) and new application forms are available for head contractors (including managing contractors) and subcontractors wanting to work on BPP projects.

More information

For more information about the new framework, please visit the [Department of Energy and Public Works website](#).

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