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**MP 2.4 – BUILDINGS IN BUSHFIRE-PRONE AREAS**

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### Purpose

To ensure class 1, 2, 3 and associated class 10a buildings designed and constructed in *designated bushfire-prone areas* are protected from the effects of a bushfire.

### Commencement

This version of Mandatory Part MP 2.4 commences on 1 October 2009.

Note: Reference should also be made to sections 36, 37 and 61 of the *Building Act 1975*, which may affect the application of MP 2.4.

### Expiry Date

MP 2.4 will expire on 1 May 2010.

Note: Australian Standard 3959 – 2009 will be referenced in *Building Code of Australia 2010* which will be adopted by Queensland on 1 May 2010.

### Application

MP 2.4 applies to class 1, 2, 3 and associated class 10a buildings, as defined in Part A3 of the *Building Code of Australia*, constructed in areas designated in a local planning instrument as *designated bushfire-prone areas*.

Note: To remove any doubt Part 3.7.4 (acceptable construction practice) of the *Building Code of Australia Volume 2* and Australian Standard 3959 - 1999 - Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone areas - does not apply to class 1, 2, 3 and associated class 10 buildings.

### Referral Agency

There is no referral agency for this part.

Where the acceptable solution of this standard is not adopted the assessment manager may assess the building for compliance with the *performance requirement* of this standard under Part 3 of the *Building Act 1975*.

### Compliance with the QDC

Under section 14 of the *Building Act 1975*, compliance with MP 2.4 can be achieved only by:

- (a) complying with the relevant *acceptable solution* for the *performance requirement*; or
- (b) formulating an *alternative solution* that complies with the *performance requirement* or is shown to be at least equivalent to the relevant requirement; or
- (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

### Associated Requirements

- *Building Act 1975*
- *Building Regulation 2006*
- *Building Code of Australia*

### Referenced Documents

| Number  | Date | Amendment number | Title   |
|---------|------|------------------|---|
| AS 3959 | 2009 | Not applicable   | Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas |

### Definitions

Italicised words in the text of MP 2.4 are as defined below.

***Acceptable solution*** – means a relevant building solution which is deemed to satisfy the relevant *performance requirement* for the purposes of section 14 (4) (a) (ii) of the Building Act 1975.

***Building Code of Australia*** – has the meaning given in chapter 1, part 2, division 2, section 12 of the *Building Act 1975*.

***Designated bushfire-prone areas*** – has the meaning given in the *Building Code of Australia*.

***Performance requirement*** – means a requirement which states the level of performance which a building must meet.

**Buildings constructed in bushfire-prone areas**

**PERFORMANCE  
REQUIREMENTS**

**Buildings in bushfire-prone areas**

**P1** Class 1, 2, 3 buildings and any associated class 10a building that is located in a *designated bushfire-prone area* must be designed and constructed to reduce the risk of ignition from a bushfire while the fire front passes.

**ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS**

**A1** Class 1, 2, 3 buildings and associated class 10a buildings located in a *designated bushfire-prone area* comply with AS 3959 – 2009.