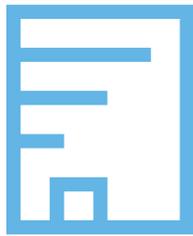

NCC Public Comment Draft Response Sheet



This response sheet is to be used for submitting responses to the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 Public Comment Draft.

How to use this response sheet

1. Provide your details including name, organisation and contact details.
2. Provide your response(s) to the Public Comment Draft. For each response you should include—
 - the relevant NCC volume(s) that your response relates to by clicking in the appropriate box(es);
 - the “**Clause/Figure/Table**” that you are responding to, e.g. J6D3(1)(a), Housing Provision Figure 7.2.3 or Table C2D2;
 - your “**recommended change to draft**”, e.g. it is recommended that the proposed drafting to J6D3(1)(a) be amended as follows...*(see example)*;
If you are not recommending a change, insert “N/A” in this field;
 - your “**comments/reasons for change**”. This should include justification to support your recommended change, e.g. heaters that emit light do not need to be excluded because these heaters have already been exempted by J6D3(3)(d) *(see example)*.
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Response Sheet

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Response(s)

NCC Volume(s): One Two Three Housing Prov. Livable Housing

Clause/Figure/Table: H6P1

Recommended change to draft:

N/A

Comment/reason for change:

The Energy Efficiency Council supports raising the minimum standard equivalent for new homes to at least the equivalent of a NatHERS rating of 7 Stars.

Multiple robust studies suggest that, for both home buyers and the economy as a whole, the cost-effective minimum standard for new homes is at least 7 Stars. A large number of homes are now built above 7 stars and we anticipate that the cost of building homes at and beyond 7 stars will continue to decline.

An increase in standards to the equivalent of 7 Stars is the bare minimum that should be considered. In many scenarios higher thermal efficiency is cost effective and beneficial to households.

NCC Volume(s): One Two Three Housing Prov. Livable Housing

Clause/Figure/Table: H6P2

Recommended change to draft:

N/A

Comment/reason for change:

The Energy Efficiency Council supports the energy budget being set to a maximum of 70 per cent of the energy value of the appliances set out in section H6P2.

NCC Volume(s): One Two Three Housing Prov. Livable Housing

Clause/Figure/Table: J1P2

Recommended change to draft:

N/A

Comment/reason for change:

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