



Building Research this month: September 2007

Construction Leaders' Forum 2007 – Shaping the Future: September 20-21, 2007

This event is just a fortnight away now. Its not too late to [register online now](#) or [see more information](#) at the conference website. We expect an audience of around 100 industry leaders. Building Research acknowledges sponsorship assistance from Department of Building and Housing, Site Safe and CIC in presenting this conference.

SB07 NZ: Transforming our Built Environment

If you are interested in new knowledge addressing sustainability in the built environment, don't miss this conference in Auckland in November. Auckland City, Beca, the Department of Building and Housing, the Ministry for the Environment, NZ Steel, Waitakere City, Manukau City, Laminex Group, Resene and Cresa and have now all agreed to join Building Research and Beacon Pathway Ltd in sponsoring the conference. International keynote speakers will come from Canada, Australia and Japan, and a wide range of New Zealand speakers will describe their activities. The conference website is [here](#).

Review of performance criteria for the fire clauses of the NZ Building Code.

Building Research facilitated the attendance of Colleen Wade of BRANZ Ltd at the International Fire Safety Engineering Seminar in France in April, at which she presented a paper on development of performance criteria for the fire clauses of our NZ Building Code, describing work supported by Building Research, DBH and the Fire Service. You can obtain a copy of the paper [here](#). The paper is intended to generate discussion and debate around how fire safety objectives and acceptance criteria can be clearly expressed in a future revised Building Code in New Zealand. Possible changes might require performance based fire engineering designs to be assessed against a set of specified fire scenarios. The outputs from a fire engineering analysis would be assessed against a series of acceptance criteria (relating for examples to tenability for occupants, reasonable expectations of fire-fighters, and damage to neighboring property) to show that the design meets the performance requirements specified in the Code.

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