

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Currently there are a range of draft publications such as Standards that are being circulated for public comment. It is important that you, the industry itself, provide comment on these to ensure they will better meet industry needs.

Standards on which public comment is being sought include:

- DZ 4246 *Energy efficiency – installing insulation* – closing date for comments 23 August 2006
- DZ 4251.1 *Solid plastering for walls, ceilings and soffits* – closing date for comments 15 September 2006
- DZ 8500 *Safety barriers for young children around swimming pools, spas and hot tubs* – closing date for comments 11 August 2006.

The drafts for comment can be downloaded from [www.standards.co.nz](http://www.standards.co.nz). Your comments can also be submitted through the website.

From the DBH there are requests for public feedback on:

- the discussion document on the review of the New Zealand Building Code – closing date for submissions is 31 August 2006. You can obtain a hard copy of the discussion document by ringing the DBH on 0800 242 243 to order a copy, or download it from their website ([www.dbh.govt.nz](http://www.dbh.govt.nz)).

## NEWS

Minister for Building Issues, the Hon Clayton Cosgrove, has announced the new rules governing the registration, ongoing training and discipline of architects. The Act is designed to maintain high standards in the profession and improve consumer protection. For more details visit [www.nzrab.org.nz](http://www.nzrab.org.nz).

### ‘CONSTRUCTING CAVITIES FOR WALL CLADDINGS’

The DBH has just released a practical and easy-to-follow guide explaining drained and vented cavity construction for timber-framed buildings, as described in the Acceptable Solution for Building Code Clause E2 External Moisture, E2/AS1. It is designed to help those involved in design construction and weathertightness compliance understand cavities so buildings are well-built and healthy.

It can be downloaded from the Building Controls section of the DBH website ([www.dbh.govt.nz](http://www.dbh.govt.nz)). Hard copies can be obtained by calling 0800 242 243.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

BRANZ specialises in providing test reports and Appraisals and each have quite different purposes and value.

The crucial difference is that test reports evaluate one element of a product's performance, whereas Appraisals evaluate its overall performance. Test reports evaluate a certain aspect of a product, of a particular composition, at a point-in-time, when subjected to certain conditions. A test report is only one of the building blocks of a BRANZ Appraisal.

A test report only provides a point-in-time assessment of how the product performed for that specific attribute. A BRANZ Appraisal:

- provides an assessment of compliance with the relevant requirements of the New Zealand Code
- assesses the range of performance factors that are to be considered for the specific product or system being appraised
- provides independent verification of product performance for specifiers and approvers.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Darrell Signal on 0800 080 063 or email [appraisals@branz.co.nz](mailto:appraisals@branz.co.nz).

## FROM JUNE GUIDELINE ON GLASS SAFETY

A commentator has raised the issue of differences between Compliance Documents and information presented by other bodies such as WANZ. NZBC F2/AS1 calls up NZS 4223: Part 3 as meeting the requirements of Clause F2 subject to the modifications noted in Section 1.2 of the Acceptable Solution. The WANZ document on glazing safety is not cited in F2/AS1 and therefore is not a Compliance Document.

## CITE Future events

- ❑ **CITE Fire design**  
Week 1: 8–11 August 2006 – Auckland  
Week 2: 12–15 September 2006 – Auckland  
\$3,000 excl. GST (*\$3,375 incl. GST*)
- ❑ **CITE Domestic sprinkler design**  
15–16 August 2006 – Auckland  
5–6 September 2006 – Christchurch  
\$850 excl. GST (*\$956.25 incl. GST*)
- ❑ **CITE Adjudication**  
14–18 August 2006 – Christchurch  
4–8 September 2006 – Wellington  
\$2,000 excl. GST (*\$2,250 incl. GST*)
- ❑ **CITE Plumbing inspection**  
Week 1: 21–25 August 2006 – Christchurch  
Week 2: 18–22 September 2006 – Christchurch  
\$2,500 excl. GST (*\$2,812.50 incl. GST*)
- ❑ **CITE Study skills**  
29 August 2006 – Dunedin  
\$250 excl. GST (*\$281.25 incl. GST*)

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