



## **Building Commission**

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### **Submission of Plans to FESA for Assessment**

Regulation 11(2) of the *Building Regulations 1989* requires that every builder making an application for a building licence for a Class 2-9 building must deposit with the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA), plans and specifications to enable FESA to assess compliance with the fire requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

FESA has advised that from 14 December 2009 it will change the way that its Built Environment Branch assesses plans for a trial period of 12 months.

FESA will continue to receive plans as required by regulation 11(2), however, will not assess building plans with a floor less than 500m<sup>2</sup>; unless

- The building requires system monitoring as specified in the BCA; or
- The building has an Alternative Solution to the Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions of the BCA which involves FESA intervention.

FESA will continue to assess all other Class 2-9 buildings with a floor area greater than 500m<sup>2</sup> and remains available to discuss issues relating to fire fighter intervention with industry if required. Enquiries can be made by contacting the daily duty officer on 08 9323 9300 or via email [bebadmin@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:bebadmin@fesa.wa.gov.au). Further information is also available on the FESA website [www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au).

The issue of a building licence remains the responsibility of the local government. Qualified building surveyors are required to assess building plans against the requirements of the BCA and liaise with FESA in relation to the fire requirements of the BCA for all Class 2-9 buildings.

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