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National Licensing:

In the previous issue of E-Institute we promised to keep you informed regarding the possibility of additional consultation on National Licensing to be conducted by local jurisdictions, see NOLS Update below for details.

A quick look at the Decision RIS for Plumbing and Gasfitting Occupations (see link below) shows a preferred option for National Licensing Three Tier Sub-Option 2 this is an improvement on the Consultation RIS where two tier was promoted but still a backward step for some and maybe status quo for others making it harder still for those jurisdictions that have not yet signed up.

It appears that we will have to kill someone or poison a township or in Western Australia a non-regulated mine site camp before governments take notice – a quote from the Decision RIS indicates government speak for risk – *“The three tier, sub-option 1 was developed with advice from the plumbing and gasfitting Interim Advisory Committee (IAC), which met to advise on policy options during 2010–11. The IAC comprised representatives from industry, unions, regulators, the training sector and a consumer group.”* and *“There has been no evidence that current arrangements have failed to mitigate existing risks or that the nature of risks has increased, therefore additional qualification requirements would increase the regulatory burden,”*

From houses to commercial properties we have increased the inputs and outputs of plumbing systems several fold with multiple water supplies from both offsite and onsite and reuse of outfalls including black water, grey water, rainwater, stormwater, RO waste water all increasing the risk of unprotected cross-connections if that is not increased risk what is!

Review of Plumbing Legislation in Western Australia:

This review is now underway with public consultations completed over the past two weeks and submissions closing

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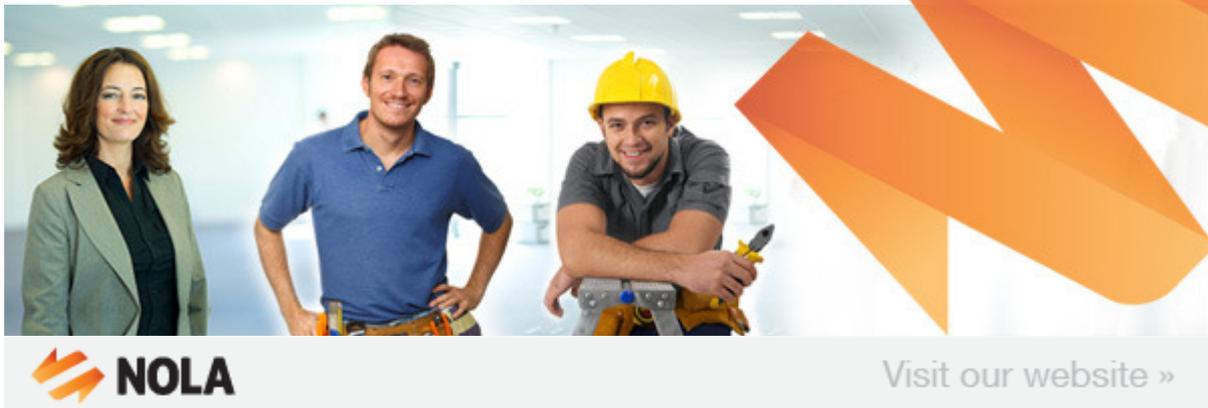
with the reviewer on Friday 19 July 2013. The IPA is in direct contact with the peak bodies within Western Australia and supports a consensus view that there are many matters to be addressed by this review that generally revolve around regulating all plumbing work through a dedicated technical regulator. Industry view is that plumbing work is at least all services and systems listed in the Plumbing Code of Australia including all parts of referenced standards and documents and both deemed to satisfy and alternate solutions.

The review discussion paper is available to download [here](#)

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Decision RISs

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Licensing Steering Committee has prepared Decision Regulation Impact Statements (RISs) for the Wave 1 national licensing occupations.

The Decision RISs' purpose is to inform a decision by the Standing Council for Federal Financial Relations (SCFFR) on the approach to national licensing for each occupation. The RISs outline the preferred approach to national licensing for each occupation; the policy options that have been considered; and why the preferred option has been recommended.

A Decision RIS is normally considered a final policy document; however, following the COAG decision of April this year to allow for additional state-based consultation, the options recommended in each Decision RIS are not agreed policy. The Decision RISs are one element of a package of advice that will go to the Ministers who sit on SCFFR. SCFFR will make the final decision on a national licensing approach.

[Find out more about the Decision RIS process](#)

The additional state-based consultation is being undertaken by specific agencies in some states and territories (see below). This consultation is NOT managed by the National Occupational Licensing Authority. Queries should be directed to the relevant agencies listed

below:

- **New South Wales** – [NSW Fair Trading](#) (click on 'Have your say')
- **Victoria** - [Department of Treasury and Finance](#)
- **Queensland** – [Office of Best Practice Regulation](#) or email: licensing.investigation@qca.org.au
- **South Australia** - [Consumer and Business Services](#)
- **Western Australia** - Register your interest at responses@commerce.wa.gov.au
- **Tasmania** - Property occupations: [Consumer Affairs and Trading](#), 1300 65 44 99 or consumer.affairs@justice.tas.gov.au; electrical, plumbing and gasfitting, and refrigeration and airconditioning occupations: [Workplace Standards](#), 1300 366 322 or buildingcontrol@justice.tas.gov.au
- **ACT** - limited consultation only
- **Northern Territory** - [Department of Business](#)

The Decision RISs are below:

- [Property occupations Decision RIS](#)
- [Plumbing and gasfitting occupations Decision RIS](#)
- [Refrigeration and airconditioning occupations Decision RIS](#)
- [Electrical occupations Decision RIS](#)



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National Construction Code 2014 draft open for comment:

Please be advised that the public comment draft of the 2014 National Construction Code (NCC) has been released on the ABCB website at www.abcb.gov.au

One area that may be interest you is the relocation of the energy efficiency requirements for heated water systems from Volume Two (BCA – building code) to Volume Three (PCA – plumbing code). Another is the revision of the stormwater requirements in Volume Two. Comment is open for approximately 8 weeks and final agreed changes will be included in the NCC for adoption from 1 May 2014.

National Skills Week 26 August to 1 September 2013 – Website live!

For information visit the recently launched 2013 website which is now live. Please head to www.nationalskillsweek.com.au and [register your event](#) to receive as much exposure as possible.

National Skills Week 2013 National Launch at ACE, Melbourne: A Skills Rhapsody

SkillsOne is excited to announce the date and venue for the National launch of National Skills Week. The event will be held at the Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) in Melbourne's Docklands on August 13.

The Hon Dr Craig Emerson, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research will formally launch National Skills Week 2013 at this event.

Fourth International Emerging Technology Symposium in 2014:

The 2014 International Emerging Technology Symposium (ETS), to be held April 23-24, 2014, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, USA, will be the most comprehensive and informative plumbing and mechanical event since the ETS debuted in 2008.

Building upon a highly successful and universally acclaimed formula refined during three previous symposiums (Chicago, 2008; Ontario, Calif., 2010; Washington, D.C., 2012), the event will gather plumbers, contractors, engineers, manufacturers, and water efficiency experts to introduce new technologies for the plumbing and mechanical industries, and discuss how policy initiatives can drive the introduction of these technologies to market and advance the cause of water and energy efficiency. The ETS is designed to provide a portal for the host organizations' partners in the manufacturing, engineering, and trade industries to display and demonstrate their innovative solutions to legislative and regulatory developments that often alter the industry landscape.

An unprecedented number of organizations, representing the foremost leaders in the plumbing and mechanical industries, have signed on to present the symposium as co-conveners along with the World Plumbing Council and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO). They are: the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC-NA), the Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI), the United Association (UA), and the Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH).

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The ETS Conveners are seeking presentations from experts in the following fields:
• Water, Sanitation and Health • Water and Energy Efficiency • Water Reuse • Solar and Other Renewable Energies • Water Quality • Fat, Oil and Grease Discharges • Advancements in Mechanical Systems • Plumbing Research Initiatives • Laws, Regulations and Policy Development • New Efficiencies in HVAC.

Don't miss this opportunity, to submit a presentation abstract or for further information, contact: Maria Bazan via email maria.bazan@iapmo.org

For your Diary:

Building Australia's Future 2013 Conference:

The Australian Building Codes Board and Master Plumbers Australia will bring you the pre-eminent national construction industry conference of 2013 at Sofitel Brisbane 15 – 18 September. Register at BAF2013@abcb.gov.au (Early Bird rates close 12 July 2013)

World Plumbing Conference 2013:

The World Plumbing Council will meet at the 10th World Plumbing Conference to be held at the Grand Hotel, New Delhi, India in November 2013. For details see www.wpc2013.in

Selection and Sizing of Copper Tubes for Water Piping Systems

[Selection and Sizing of Copper Tubes for Water Piping Systems by Barrie Smith](#) (the blue book) is now available in both DVD and E-Book download, visit www.plumbing.org.au and follow the links.

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Your input into this Newsletter and other IPA matters is always welcome and in fact sort after.

If you are not already a member why not join and really help us provide a voice for plumbers and plumbing. Simply email the Secretary below.

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