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In our last issue we promoted the making of Public Comment to the amended draft standard *AS/NZS3500.4 Heated water services* but failed to mention the innovation by Standards Australia of providing in addition to the new Draft Standard a copy of the current standard with tracked changes making the review and commenting so much easier. It is great to see that Plumbing Standards are the first to be issued in this way. As previously we urge you to have a look at this unique opportunity to be first with AS/NZS3500 Parts 1, 2 and 4 available with tracked changes (see message below).

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Seeking comments on revisions to AS/NZS 3500, *Plumbing and Drainage*

Following stakeholder feedback, proposed revisions to the AS/NZS 3500, *Plumbing and Drainage* series will be presented with the changes tracked—a first for Standards Australia.

Through the public comment period, the first part of each document is the revised text as it would appear in the new published standard. The second part of the document consists of the current edition of the standard with proposed changes tracked.

"AS/NZS 3500 is a large, complex document. We hope this new method of presentation will encourage more participation by the broader community in the commenting process," Chair of the committee, Mr Fred Reynolds explained.

Updates to the following parts of the AS/NZS 3500 series are now open for public comment:

- Part 1, Water services
- Part 2, Sanitary plumbing and drainage
- Part 4, Heated water services

The major changes include:

- Prevention backflow in fire services
- Requirements for plastic pipes and fittings installed in direct sunlight
- Clarification of certain requirements for non-drinking water services
- Clarification of permitted jointing methods
- Procedures for structural plastic re-lining of drains
- Requirements for installing drains in unstable soils
- Installation of circulatory heated water systems
- Use of thermostatically controlled taps (TMV Taps)

Following last year's review of the plumbing sector, this revision followed the updated development process with a strict adherence to structure, roles and time frames.

The changes were developed by the technical committee WS-014, Plumbing and Drainage, and a series of specialist working groups comprised of technical experts from across industry.

Instructions on how to submit a comment can be found through the [Public Comment Portal](#). The closing date for public comment is **Thursday 7 December 2017**.

Once all comments are reviewed and changes are made by the committee, publication is targeted for May 2018 to allow adoption into the 2019 National Construction Code.

For further details contact the Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Water and Waste services sector, Ron Pulido at ron.pulido@standards.org.au or 02 9237 6077.

Standards Australia:

Draft Standards open for public comment include:

AS 1172.2:2014 Amd 1 Water closets (WCs)	Comments close 4/12/2017
AS 1172.1:2014 Amd 1 Water closets (WCs)	Comments close 4/12/2017
AS/NZS 3500.1 Water services	Comments close 7/12/2017
AS/NZS 3500.4 Heated water services	Comments close 7/12/2017
AS/NZS 3500.2 Sanitary plumbing and drainage	Comments close 7/12/2017

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A bit of light relief:

This actually happened to an Englishman, in France, who was totally drunk.

A French policeman stops the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking.

With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception, and many single malts scotches thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcohol-test (breath test) the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed completely hammered.

He asks the Englishman if he knows that, under French Law, he is going to be arrested.

The Englishman answers with a bit of humour,

"No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realize that this is a British car and my wife is driving . . . on the other side?"

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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