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Pimpama-Coomera area approved to opt-in to the Queensland Development Code for supplementary water supply

Purpose

To advise that the City of Gold Coast Council has been approved to opt-in to the Queensland Development Code (QDC) for supplementary water supply systems in the Pimpama-Coomera dual reticulation pipe network area.

As a result, under the QDC new houses and commercial buildings on properties located in the area covered by dual reticulation pipe network (which was installed as part of the Pimpama-Coomera Class A+ recycled water scheme) must be connected to the network.

Background

Local governments are able to mandate the installation and connection of supplementary water supply systems for all or a certain part of their area under QDC Part 4.2–Rainwater tanks and other supplementary water supply systems (QDC 4.2 for residential buildings) and Part 4.3–Supplementary water sources (QDC 4.3 for commercial buildings). Since 1 February 2013, a local government can be approved to 'opt-in' where they can demonstrate that to do so will provide a net benefit to their local community. This supports local government's ability to tailor water supply measures suitable to their local conditions.

The City of Gold Coast Council applied to opt-in to the QDC for new houses under QDC 4.2 (class 1 buildings) and for new commercial buildings under QDC 4.3 (classes 3 to 9 buildings) on properties located within the Pimpama-Coomera area. These properties need to be connected to the existing dual reticulation pipe network until the dual pipe network has been replaced with a single pipe network.

The Minister has approved Council's opt-in application for this part area of the Gold Coast.

Application

Properties within the Pimpama-Coomera dual reticulation area

Connections to the Pimpama-Coomera dual reticulation network are required for new houses and for new commercial buildings on properties located within the Pimpama-Coomera area.

Planning and siting requirements

For information about planning and siting requirements for properties located within the Pimpama-Coomera dual reticulation area, contact the City of Gold Coast Council.

Building and plumbing approvals

The requirement for a new house or commercial building to be connected to the Pimpama-Coomera dual reticulation network will be triggered as part of the building and plumbing application process by the relevant authority.

More information

Information about 'water supply systems' and the current versions of QDC 4.2 and QDC 4.3 are available on the department's website at www.hpw.qld.gov.au.

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