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### **Inquiry into the regulation of plumbing product quality**

Parliament of Australia - House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage has issued a report from the inquiry into the regulation of plumbing product quality in Australia and it makes interesting reading.

The report "Managing the Flow" is available to download at [Inquiry Report](#)

As indicated in previous issue the various submissions including that of this Institute are available at [Committee Website](#)

### **Draft Standards for review/comment**

Standards Australia and its committee WS-014 have for some time been working on a review of AS/NZS 3500.5:2000.

This review is now in its final public comment stage and is available for download and comment at the SAI Global Draft Standards webpage, also the committee has endeavoured to coordinate any amendments with the similar clauses in other parts of the standard. The following drafts are available as PDF files at [Drafts for Public Comment](#) in the SAI Global Webpage:

DR 07397 CP Part 5 comment period to 24 October 2007.

DR 07394 CP Part 1 Amend 2 comment period to 23 Oct 2007.

DR 07395 CP Part 2 Amend 3 comment period to 23 Oct 2007.

DR 07396 CP Part 4 Amend 2 comment period to 23 Oct 2007.

AS/NZS 3500 is an important part of plumbing in Australia and any proposed amendments deserve scrutiny by the wider plumbing industry. A "Draft Australian Standard Comment Form" is available on the same website or if you prefer simply provide your comments to the [Institute Secretary](#) for inclusion in an IPA submission.

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Register you and your friend.

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### **Special Message**

**To all members in or visiting Western Australia.**

**The Institute Council through the Secretariat has brought the National Plumbing Forum back to Perth.**

(see article below for details)

**All the work has been done, all you need to do is**

**REGISTER NOW**

**Register yourself and a friend at**

**[www.designbuildexpo.com.au/forum](http://www.designbuildexpo.com.au/forum)**

### **Australian National Plumbing Forum – Perth 2007**

Planning is now well under way for the return of the Australian National Plumbing Forum to Perth in conjunction with designbuild Perth the trade exhibition for plumbers and builders (see attached free ticket to the exhibition).

Friday 12 October 2007 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is the day for the Professional Plumbers of Perth to be there, there will be plenty of time to view the exhibition before the National Plumbing Forum kicks off at 3:00pm (Seminar Theatre 2, open at 2:30pm). The Forum theme **Water – Use it, Re-use it or Lose it** follows on from our Sydney Forum but with a new line up of speakers to give the Western Australian viewpoint.

Speakers include Prasanna Suraweera, Environmentally Sustainable Design Engineer introducing the design and associated regulations, legislation and rating tools applicable to plumbing and BCA 5 Star Plus, BCA Energy Efficiency requirements, ABGR and Green Star and much more. IPA member and well known Master Plumber and Managing Director Western Wastewater Treatments, Gary Payne, will provide facts and fallacies about water re-use from Greywater Diversion to alternate treatment units providing water suitable for irrigation. John Brennan that well known water efficiency guru from the Water Corporation will give us the latest on large scale community based water management and business compliance programmes, all essential knowledge for the plumbing professional.

**An open forum / panel discussion will allow you the delegate to have your say**, fellowship drinks and finger food will allow you to conclude the discussion or catch up with friends in an ambient atmosphere.

Your Institute Council and Secretariat are bringing this informative and enjoyable afternoon to you all you need to do is register and attend. We also ask each member to also register a friend, associate or acquaintance so as to double the exposure of what the Institute is doing to bring the National Plumbing Industry closer together.

Register you and your friend at [www.designbuildexpo.com.au/forum](http://www.designbuildexpo.com.au/forum)

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### **Format change**

In this and the previous issue of E-INSTITUTE we have departed from our original concept of using plain text to keep the file size down and for ease of opening on all versions of software, we hope you like it but if it causes you any problems please let us know. One of the reasons behind the change was comments that the plain text sometimes appeared as spam on some computers. We have kept the formatting as simple as possible but allowing our logo and some colour to brighten it up. Please contact the Editor if you have any problems opening this version. Our aim remains to provide a vehicle for all members to participate in the workings of the Institute from the comfort of their desk. This is particularly important as through evolution the IPA moves from the traditional Chapter system to a more National approach.

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

Comments on matters raised in E-INSTITUTE or suggestions for future issues are welcome and may be sent to the Editor at:

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