



# Notifiable Work and Legislation

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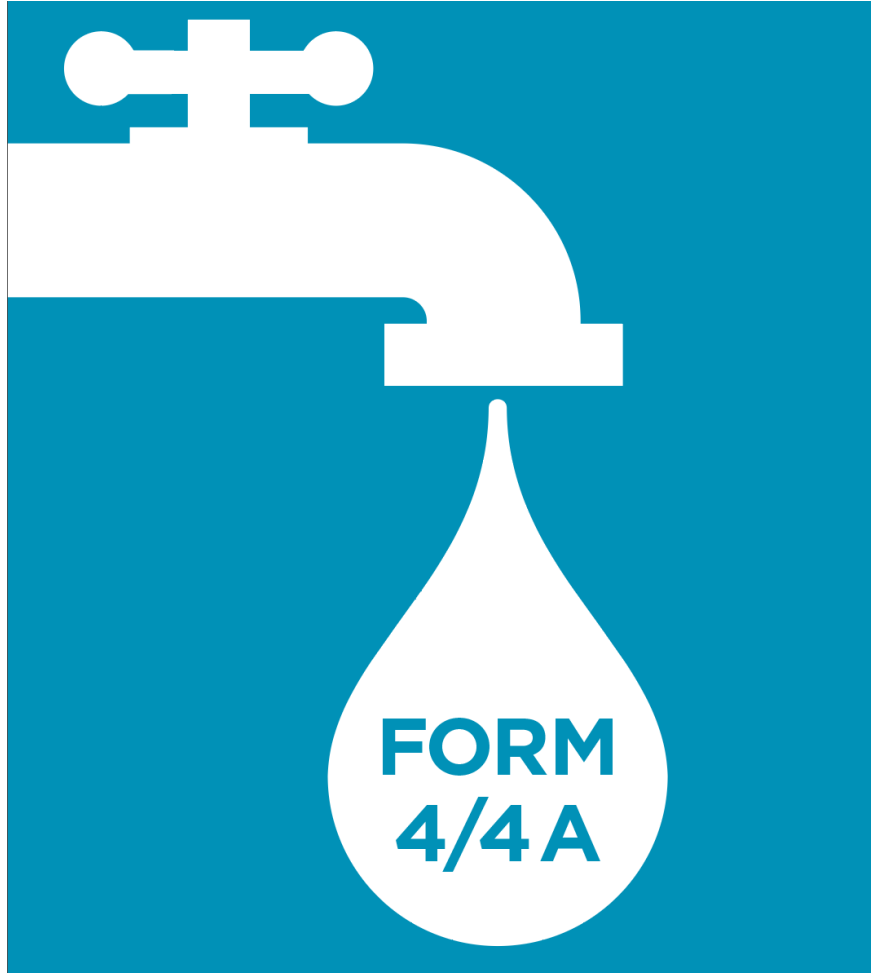
# What is notifiable work?

- Notifiable work (NW) is plumbing and drainage work performed on existing buildings.
- It may include kitchen or bathroom renovations; installing or replacing a water heater; extending or replacing pipework; and installing or relocating fixtures.
- Licensees simply notify the QBCC that they have completed the work by lodging a Form 4/4A.

# Lodging NW forms online

- Six months ago, the QBCC introduced a new online service for lodging Form 4/4As.
- This new system is myQBCC, and it replaced the problematic Plumbing Application Service (or PAS).
- We are contacting licensees, which will include LG plumbing inspectors, to find out how they find the new system and what issues, if any, they are still experiencing when lodging forms.
- Please send in your feedback when you receive the survey.

# NW communications strategy



- Objective is to increase online lodgements of NW forms (via myQBCC).

# NW communications strategy

- The NW communications strategy is currently being rolled out.
- The QBCC wants to increase awareness and engagement in NW regime for licensees and to increase awareness of home owners about the NW scheme.

# New legislation

- New laws about non-conforming building products were passed by the Queensland Parliament in August.
- The new laws came into effect on 1 November, 2017.
- This includes the introduction of new 'chain of responsibility' laws for non-conforming products.

A building product is a non-conforming building product (ncbp) for an intended use if:

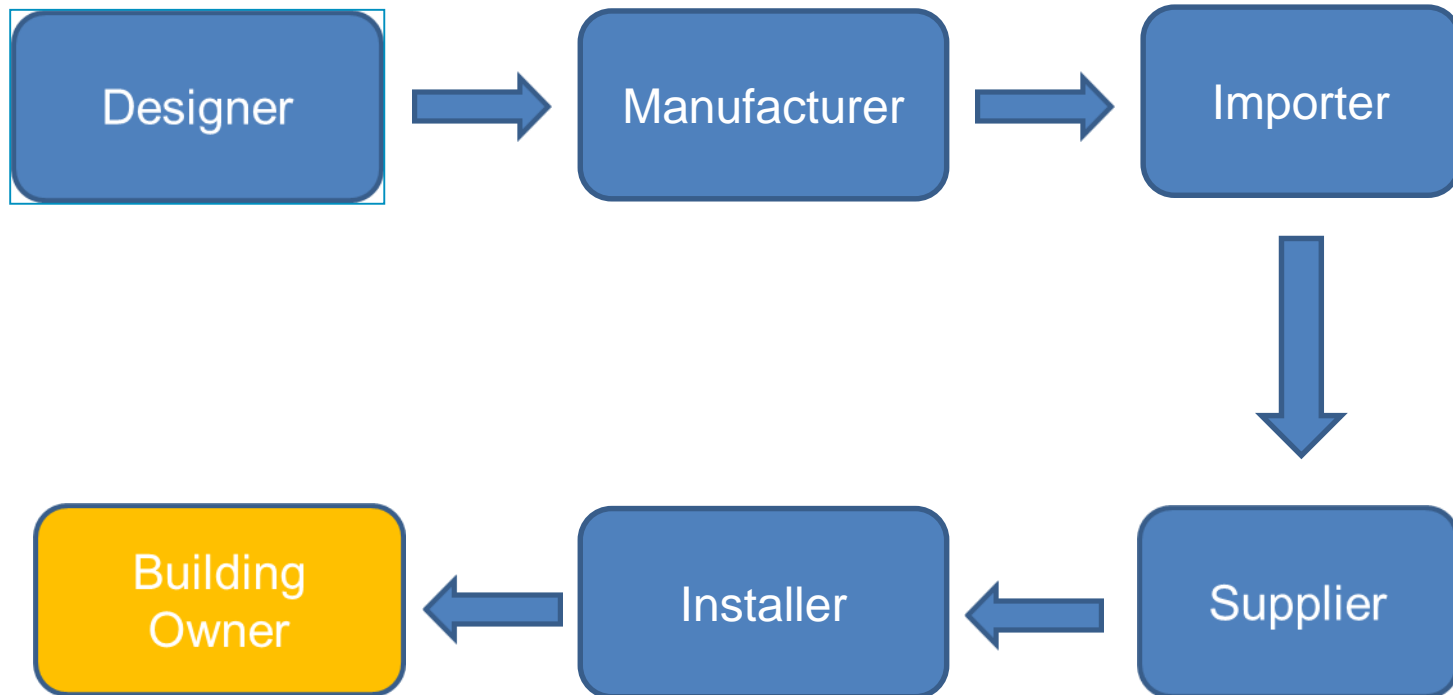
- it is not, or will not be, safe; or
- does not, or will not, comply with the relevant regulatory provisions; or
- the product does not perform, or is not capable of performing, for the use to the standard it is represented to perform by or for a person in the chain of responsibility for the product.



# Who is responsible for NCBPs?

- Each person in the 'chain of responsibility' for a building product must now ensure that the product is not a NCBP for its intended use.
- Person in the chain of responsibility –
  - designs, manufactures, imports or supplies a building product and knows or is reasonably expected to know the product will or is likely to be associated with a building; or
  - installs the product in a building in connection with relevant work.

# Chain of responsibility



# Reporting NCBPs

- It is now mandatory to report unsafe and non-compliant products.
- Any person in the chain of responsibility for a building product now has a duty to report a NCBP to the QBCC.
- The person is required to notify the QBCC as soon as practicable within two days.
- This notification to the QBCC must be made in the approved form, which can be accessed from our website.
- Penalties can apply for failing to notify the QBCC.

# Disciplinary action for NCBPs

- Disciplinary action can be taken against a licensee who carries out building work, which includes plumbing and drainage, in contravention of a relevant Act.
- This may be the *QBCC Act 1991*, but it can also include the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* and the *Public Health Act 2005*.

# QBCC's increased powers

- The new laws have also increased the QBCC's investigative powers to include entry into existing buildings to gather evidence of NCBPs.
- The grounds for licence suspension or cancellation have also been extended to include: where a licensee has been convicted of an offence under the QBCC Act or another Act in relation to building work; or where death or grievous bodily harm has been caused on a building site for which the licensee has control.

# Thank you!

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