

Alternative Water Source Requirements for Commercial Buildings

All new commercial and industrial buildings will be required to use alternative water sources. This came into effect in the former Cairns City Council area on July 1 2008 and in the former Douglas Shire area on July 1 2009.

The minimum requirements are set out in the Queensland Development Code (QDC) part MP 4.3.

Alternative water sources can be:

- Rainwater Tanks
- Water storage tanks
- Grey water treatment plants or
- A combination of the above

Compliance with alternative water sources for commercial buildings is assessed during the building approval process. The building certifier may assess the building a compliant if an alternative water source is used to supply water to the minimum mandatory connections.

A full copy of the QDC part MP 4.3 is available on the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's website

<http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/building/current-parts.html>

Contact Building Services Authority on 1300-BSA-BSA or on www.bsa.qld.gov.au for the following document:

Domestic Rainwater Harvesting in Queensland, a homeowners Guide to Positioning, Installation, Connection and Maintenance of Domestic Rainwater Tanks and their associated Roof Water Collection Systems, Building Services Authority.

For more information contact Cairns Regional Council Building Services on (07) 4044 3583.