



Vision: Driving Plumbing Excellence

Purpose

The purpose of the NPRF is to provide benefits to Australian Governments, industry and the public by striving for a consistent, efficient and effective regulatory environment for plumbing activities and for achieving appropriate levels of public health, safety and amenity, in the interest of all consumers throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Values

- Regulatory intelligence
- Technical expertise
- Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA) and the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)
- NPRF Structure
- Professionalism
- Consistency
- Cross-jurisdictional co-operation
- One vote, one value, one NPRF

Strategic Directions

1. Maintain, develop, and formalise the NPRF as a cooperative arrangement between jurisdictions responsible for the regulation of on-site plumbing and/or occupational licensing.

2. Formulate NPRF policy positions to guide standards for:

- technical requirements;
- occupational licensing; and
- education, in the plumbing industry.

3. Identify, engage and build:

- partnerships with government and regulators;
- strategic alliances with industry representative bodies; and
- consultation processes with stakeholder and community groups.

4. Focus on setting and maintaining consistent, high quality technical, educational, and licensing standards.

5. Maintain and enhance a shared understanding of issues associated with licensing, education and technical standards for plumbing to facilitate harmonisation of regulatory frameworks.

NPRF Advisory Committees Priorities 2007-2008

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Finalise the appointment of representatives on Standards Committees
- Conduct the review of the PCA
- Review relevant Australian Technical Specifications (ATS)
- Identify technical training issues
- Revise and formalise the product approvals procedure
- Assist the main committee with a review of the Memorandum of Understanding with Standards Australia Limited
- Create a single repository for technical solution documentation

Licensing and Education Advisory Committee (LEAC)

- Complete the transition of ANZRA to NPRF
- Review plumbing training packages and develop an assessment framework
- Continue the progress of licensing harmonisation
- Develop a national Continuing Professional Development framework
- NPRF Conference 2008