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## New Commentary

Ross Brown (LLB, GDLP, Assoc. Dip Eng., Dip Plumbing Services, Lic'd Plumber, Drainer and Gasfitter, Abel & Brown Pty Ltd) has added new commentary to Section A General Provisions of the 2016 Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA). See:

- **Part AO Application**
  - **[PC-130] A0.4 Performance Solutions**
    - [PC-130.10] A0.4 Performance Solutions – with regard to the replacement of the term “Alternative Solutions” with “Performance Solutions”, to address the meaning of the term and the effect of such on the PCA as a “performance” based code;
  - **[PC-150] A0.6 Assessment Methods**
    - [PC-150.10] A0.6 Assessment Methods – to address the PCA’s provision of a variety of means that may be used to demonstrate that an alternative solution meets the performance requirements of the code;
    - [PCA-150.20] Documentation of decisions relating to the Plumbing Code of Australia – with regard to documenting decisions made in a plumbing or drainage solution; and
    - [PCA-150.30] Documentation of decisions relating to alternative solutions – details of documenting a plumbing or drainage decision in the event of an alternative solution.
- **Part A2 Acceptance of Design and Construction**
  - [PC-A2.10] Commentary – to address the WaterMark Certification Scheme and its relation to plumbing and drainage installations.

## Updated Commentary

Ross Brown has updated annotations to the PCA to address changes and additions brought about by the 2016 version of the code. See:

## **Section A General Provisions**

- **Part AO Application**
  - [PC-95.10] General – to address the role of the the 2016 edition of the PCA as a “performance” based document, rather than a set of prescriptive requirements, with the aim of promoting innovation in the industry.
- **Part A1 Interpretation**
  - [PC-195.10] Part A1 Interpretation – Commentary – to define a range of new terms introduced into the 2016 PCA to facilitate its use as a “performance” based code.

## **Section G Materials and products certification and authorisation**

- **Part G1 Certification and authorisation**
  - [PC-2895.10] General – to address removal of prior provisions as set out in Section G, now available on the ABCB website.

References to AS/NZS 3500 have been updated to reflect the introduction of the 2015 version of the Standard. See:

## **Section B Water Services**

- **Part B1 Cold water services**
  - [PC-710.10] B1.2 General requirements.
- **Part B2 Heated water services**
  - [PC-1010.10] B2.2 General requirements.
- **Part B3 Non-drinking water services**
  - [PC-1210.10] B3.2 General requirements.

## **Section C Sanitary Plumbing and Drainage Systems.**

- **Part C1 Sanitary plumbing systems**
  - [PC-1610.10] C1.2 General requirements – Deemed-to-Satisfy solution.
- **Part C2 Sanitary drainage systems**
  - [PC-1810.10] C2.2 General requirements.

## **Tables**

A revised and updated Legislation Locator is issued with this update.