

9 October 2007

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Dear Jean

MPGA New Housing Sub-Committee

The Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association of WA ("MPGA") New Housing Sub-Committee recently met to discuss a number of items (please see Attachment "A").

It was expressed that if the PLB can provide feedback on these issues that they can be passed onto members, either via the Journal or through circulars. The information will also be sent to MPA Skills to incorporate in the delivery of apprenticeship and license training.

Dale Froby has been provided with a sample of this product. We are waiting for Dale's feedback on same.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

per: Murray Thomas

Murray Thomas
CEO

Attach

cc: Dale Froby



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Attachment "A"

Master Plumbers & Gasfitters Association of Western Australia ("MGPA")
"Sub-Committee – New Housing" Meeting

Items discussed that require clarification –

1. Insulation of Hot Water Pipe in Ground.

After extensively researching for a suitable waterproof insulation to meet the requirements of the AS3500, the Group has found a product that meets the requirements. The product is called "Armacell" (see attached).

All members were unanimous in accepting this product as an industry "norm" for in ground Hot Water Supply Pipe Work.

2. Hot Water Units –

a) Insulation of relief valves

Please provide clarification on the status of insulation of the relief valve on a storage hot water unit.

The information within the AS3500 is ambiguous.

b) Detail of storage hot water unit requirements.

The MPGA would also like a technical note and detail that clearly defines installation requirements for storage hot water units in Western Australia.

3. Does the AS3500 and Regulations call up the B.C.A.

The MPGA would like clarification as to whether the AS3500 plumbing code and regulations call up the BCA requirements and that the BCA calls up and recognizes the AS3500 and regulations.

4. Is the new 5 Star Plus Sustainability introduction applicable to multi-unit dwellings and portable accommodation / housing?

Please advise if the new introduction of Stage 1 of the 5 Star Plus is applicable to multi-unit dwellings and portable accommodation housing (eg. Dongas on mine sites).
