



Insurance Orders put on hold by Workplace Standards

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In recent days members will have received advice from the Director of Building Control that new Insurance Orders were enacted under the Building Act effective from the 31st August 2008.

HIA has raised concerns with Workplace Standards over new Ministerial Insurance Orders.

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In particular we were concerned about the new requirement for Contract Works Insurance to cover the value of pre-existing buildings and contents during renovation work. HIA expressed concerns as to the cost and practicality of securing such insurance.

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HIA also expressed concern over the new insurance requirements which mandate Professional Indemnity Insurance for Builders undertaking their own Design and Construct work. Historically it has been recognised that Professional Indemnity Insurance is only required for Designers that undertake work for third parties.

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Government representatives accepted that the arguments presented had merit and have agreed to put on hold the requirements for Contract Works Insurance for Pre-existing Property and Professional Indemnity for Design and Construct Work.

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HIA will keep members informed of developments in relation to the Insurance Orders but at this stage it appears the Government has listened to HIA concerns over the potential impact of the new insurance orders and the matter will be resolved.

Members wanting to discuss the new insurance orders may contact Stuart Clues, Regional Executive Director, on (03) 62 304 600.

