

Question on Notice
No. 1060
Asked on Tuesday, 14 September 2021

MR N DAMETTO ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the identified discrepancies between the National Construction Code and the Queensland Development Code for Class 7 or 8 buildings which affects farm vehicle storage sheds with a floor area more than 500m²—

Will the Minister provide an update on the status of the review and when these discrepancies will be resolved?

ANSWER

The Department of Energy and Public Works has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Farm Code, including a comparative analysis with the National Construction Code (NCC).

As a result, the department is exploring a range of options to ensure Queensland retains its high safety standards while also supporting the farming sector to remain competitive.

The Farm Code was initially introduced to provide the agricultural sector with concessions when building specific farm buildings, however, it is critical that further changes are carefully considered to minimise impacts on both industry and public safety.

Before any changes are made to the Farm Code, the department will be consulting with key industry stakeholders.