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Consultation – Building Product Specifications
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
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Attn: Dave Gittings

Dear Dave

Submission from the Manawatū District Council on Building Product Specifications

The Manawatū District Council (MDC) thanks the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft first edition of the Building Product Specifications.

MDC does not oppose any of the standards or reference documents proposed to be cited in the Building Product Specifications.

However, MDC is concerned about the potential for a considerable increase in cost to Building Consent Authorities to access overseas standards that may be referenced in the Building Product Specifications. Unless MBIE is able to provide free access to all overseas standards that are referenced in the Building Product Specifications, BCA's will be forced to pass these costs onto applicants.

MBIE should expand its list of building-related sponsored standards to include those international standards that are cited in the Building Product Specifications. This could be managed via a technical library portal where officers sign-in using their registered government email address.

Decision sought:

- That MBIE provide Building Consent Authorities with free access to all New Zealand and overseas building standards cited in the Building Product Specifications.

This submission does not contain any private or confidential information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen Worboys".

Helen Worboys, JP
Mayor