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Building Act 2004 Discussion Document

With the stated aim of making it easier and cheaper to build homes and buildings without compromising quality, the Department of Building and Housing (DBH) is continuing to review the Building Act 2004.

The Building Act governs the building control system – the way we check that buildings are constructed to be safe and meet essential requirements.

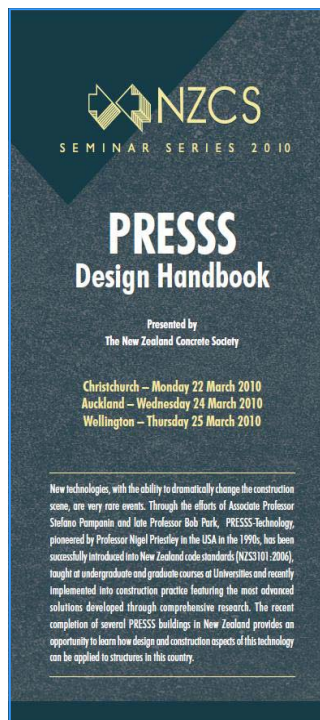
The first phase of the Building Act review revealed that while improvements in the quality of building work have occurred since 2004, the current system is more costly than necessary and less efficient and effective than it could be.

The discussion document [Cost-effective quality: Next generation building control in New Zealand](#) signifies the second phase of the Building Act review, and aims to consult on proposed options for reform.

For further information read the Minister for Building and Construction's media release, and watch his short video presentation on the [Beehive](#) website.

Submissions based on the discussion document close Friday 23 April 2010.

If you have any comments you would like CCANZ to consider as part of its submission in response to the discussion document, please forward them to Alan Kirby (alan@cca.org.nz) no later than **Wednesday 7 April 2010**.



PRESS Design Handbook Seminar Series

PRESS Technology is a simple construction technique and design method to develop damage-resisting multi-storey precast concrete buildings with large spans and open space.

Following the successful NZCS PRESS-Technology Introductory Seminar Series in 2005, a second seminar series will be run as a condensed short course, and will present a comprehensive PRESS Design Handbook.

Locations and dates are as follows:

Christchurch - 22 March 2010

Auckland - 24 March 2010

Wellington - 25 March 2010

For more information and/or to register for the seminars visit the [NZ Concrete Society](#) website.

Draft Standards UPDATE

DZ3604 Timber framed buildings

Provides suitable methods and details for the design and construction of timber framed buildings up to three storeys high.

The closing date for comments for this *limited technical review* is 7 April 2010.

To download this draft standards visit the [Standards New Zealand](http://standards.govt.nz) website.

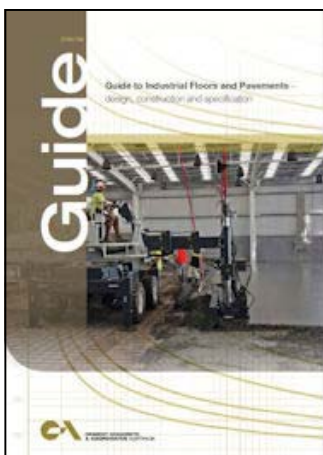
CCANZ Submissions

CCANZ has responded to the Department of Building & Housing's (DBH) request for comments on proposed changes to Building Code Compliance Documents B1, B2, C, E1 & G9-G15.

A copy of the CCANZ submission, along with that in response to Standards New Zealand's public comment draft: DZ6806/V1.14 Acoustics – Road traffic noise – New and altered roads, can be found on the [CCANZ](http://ccanz.org.nz) website.

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Guide to Industrial Floors and Pavements by Cement Concrete Aggregates Australia (CCAA)



This guide covers the design, construction and specification of concrete industrial floors and pavements. It has been prepared to assist engineers, specifiers and building contractors by providing an outline of the process of design and construction and the major factors in meeting design performance.

The principles and details provided are applicable to pavements found in a wide range of commercial and industrial buildings including warehouses and stores, manufacturing plants, engineering workshops and garages, offices and shopping complexes.

This third edition takes account of changes to relevant Australian Standards since 1999.

To borrow this item email the CCANZ library: library@cca.org.nz

NZS 3104:2003 Amendment

Standards New Zealand has published Amendment 2 to *Specification for concrete production* NZS 3104:2003, which incorporates a new mechanism for the testing of weigh systems.

Since the initial drafting of NZS 3104, clauses dealing with weigh scale checking have remained unchanged. In this time there has been an introduction of load cell technology replacing mechanical knife-edge systems. Amendment 2:

- recognises that there is now more than one type of mechanism used for weigh systems (knife edge/lever arm and load cell)
- updates Clause 2.7.3 to take into account testing of weigh systems that are dependent on load cell mechanisms
- corrects minor errors in the Contents
- corrects Clauses 1.3, 2.9.1, and 3.1.4.

To download NZS 3104:2003 Amendment 2 visit the [Standards New Zealand](http://standards.govt.nz) website.

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KEY DATES

March 22	PRESSS Seminar / Christchurch
March 24	PRESSS Seminar / Auckland
March 25	PRESSS Seminar / Wellington
March 31	NZ Concrete Industry Conference / Call for papers
October 7-9	NZ Concrete Industry Conference / Wellington

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