



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BUILDING ACT 1972

EXEMPTION

NO. 166 OF 1992

Explanatory Statement

This Instrument exempts ACT PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES, being a government agency, from the application of the provision of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) specified in the Schedule in respect of the building works known as Tuggeranong Indoor Swimming Centre.

It is a requirement of the Building Act 1972 that all work undertaken on the project shall be in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.

To determine which exemptions would be appropriate while still achieving the required level of amenity, fire safety and design efficiency the Design Manager (Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn Pty Ltd) has tested the requirements of the BCA against provisions at other pools within Australia, requirements of the Health Department of NSW and various international standards. The Design Manager after assessing the problem has recommended five (5) exemptions to the requirements of the BCA.

The proposed exemptions have been examined by ACT Public Works and Services and circulated for comment and endorsement to the ACT Fire Brigade, ACT Office of Sport and Recreation and the ACT Building Controller. All of these organisations have supported the exemptions to the BCA.

This process has resulted in a recommendation that five (5) exemptions be made to the requirements of the Building Code of Australia, as listed in the Schedule of Exemptions set out in the Instrument.

A summary of these modifications and the specific Clauses of the Building Code of Australia which are affected is as follows:

Item 1

To permit a reduction in the number of toilet facilities in the complex;

Exemption from the requirements of the following;
Clauses (Table D1.13) and (Table F2.3 Class 9b Buildings).

Item 2

To permit a relaxing of the maximum gradients applying to the floors of the pool;

Exemption from the requirements of the following;
Clause ACT G1.1(d) (i).

Item 3

To permit the deletion of a mechanical smoke ventilation system;

Exemption from the requirements of the following;
Clause E2.1.

Item 4

To permit the deletion of thermal and smoke detectors over the water areas;

Exemption from the requirements of the following;
Specification E1.7.

Item 5

To permit the deletion of the requirement for testing of slip resistance of paving in public areas;

Exemption from the requirements of the following;
Clause ACT D2.103.