

CERTIFIED BUILDING SOLUTIONS NEWSLETTER

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E-DEVELOPMENT

The ACT Government Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) has introduced eDevelopment, a computer system enabling the electronic lodgement of development applications, building applications and associated documentation. It is anticipated that eDevelopment will be fully functioning by 31 January 2012. From that time, all documents relating to the

approval process will have to be lodged using eDevelopment. We are seeking your cooperation to enable us to progress your approvals as quickly as possible by ensuring that all documents are provided to us electronically wherever possible. Also, be aware that eDevelopment will generate duplicate forms which will need to be signed by all relevant parties.

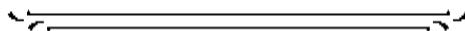


ACT GOVERNMENT INVOICES

We advised in a previous newsletter that the ACT Government Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (formerly ACTPLA) had introduced a new invoicing system for the collection of government levies, commencing 27 July 2011. The Government now invoices the lessee of the land but the invoice is forwarded to the building certifier as the entity who lodged the building approval for registration. For your convenience we are endeavouring, wherever possible, to ensure that our clients receive the

ACT Government invoice at the same time we issue our invoice.

It is important that all our clients be aware that they are required to pay the government levies directly to the ACT Government Revenue Office, not to CBS as under the previous arrangement. You should also be aware that the **Certificate of Occupancy and Use will not be issued** by the Environment and Sustainable Directorate until the building levy has been paid.



BCA 2011 AND PREMISES STANDARD

We wish to advise that, with the introduction of BCA 2011, building access requirements have been enhanced with the adoption of AS1428.1 - 2009 and the introduction of the Premises Standard. Implementation of the Premises Standard may require costly

installations such as lifts and upgraded toilet facilities, particularly where alterations are proposed to existing buildings. All clients should make themselves aware of the new requirements.



UTILITIES CLEARANCES

Generally you are required to provide a Territories and Municipal Services (TAMS) Stormwater clearance as part of the building approval process. Where there is no

stormwater easement on the relevant block a copy of the deposited plan confirming this, which can be purchased from ACTPLA's Dickson office, is sufficient.

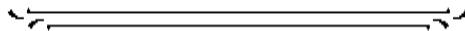


CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Many of our clients will be aware that David and Sari Poidevin are retiring at the end of this year, although you may still see their faces occasionally in 2012 as David finishes off some of his larger projects. CBS wouldn't be the company it is without them; David's broad experience in the construction industry was invaluable when CBS was established in 1999 and Sari kept our

administration operating like a well-oiled machine. We expect the office will be much quieter too, without Dave's yarns to keep us entertained!

We wish David and Sari well in their retirement pursuits, which we are sure will keep them very busy.



CHRISTMAS SHUT-DOWN

CBS will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period. The office will close at lunch time on Friday 23 December and will re-open

for business on Monday 9 January. We wish all our clients a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.