



Development Approvals

Approval of Battery Powered Smoke Alarms

Regulation 61

Local Government Approval of Battery Powered Smoke Alarms

1. The local government of the district in which a dwelling is located may approve of the use, in the dwelling or a part of the dwelling, of a battery powered smoke alarm (rather than one that is connected to the mains power supply) if satisfied that, at the time of giving the approval, installing a smoke alarm connected to the mains power supply would involve: -
 - a) a sufficient problem of structural nature; or
 - b) a sufficient problem of any other nature, the cause of which is not within the control of the owner.
2. The Local Government may give its approval in relation to an alarm that was installed before the approval is to be given.
3. An application for approval must be made in the manner and form approved by the local government, and must include or be accompanied by:-
 - a) The plans and information required by the local government; and
 - b) The fee set by the local government.
4. The local government is to be taken to have refused approval if it has not made a decision whether to give approval within 35 days after the later of:-
 - a) The day on which the person made the application for approval: or
 - b) The day on which the person complied with a, or the latest, request by the local government for further plans or information.

Submission Requirements

1. Building layout plans (to 1:100 scale) showing size of rooms and location of proposed smoke alarm;
2. A letter from a licensed electrician to confirm that installing a mains powered smoke alarm would involve a sufficient problem as described in the Regulation above;
3. Details and specifications of smoke detectors in accordance with the Building Code.
4. Covering letter to including contact details and type of building constructed. Please ensure that the details and signature are the owner of the building.
5. Payment to be submitted with request, please phone 9461 3366 for fee amount.