

Hunter Water (General) Amendment (Plumbing and Drainage Work) Regulation 2007

under the

Hunter Water Act 1991

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Hunter Water Act 1991*.

DAVID CAMPBELL, M.P., Minister for Water Utilities

Explanatory note

Clause 4 (1) of the *Hunter Water (General) Regulation 2005* provides that a person must not do plumbing or drainage work otherwise than in accordance with the Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice. Clause 6 (1) of that Regulation provides that a person must not do plumbing or drainage work unless authorised by a permit to do the work. The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Hunter Water (General) Regulation 2005* to exclude home owners and occupiers (or certain persons authorised by a home owner or occupier) from the requirements of clauses 4 (1) and 6 (1) of that Regulation if the work involves repairing a tap or showerhead in a dwelling or the installation of water restricting or flow regulating devices to tap end fittings (including showerheads).

This Regulation also amends the *Hunter Water (General) Regulation 2005* so that a notice regulating or restricting the use of water is required to be published in the Gazette and in a newspaper circulating in the area of operations of the Corporation (currently, the notice need only be published in one of those publications).

This Regulation is made under the *Hunter Water Act 1991*, including sections 69 and 70 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

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Amendment of Hunter Water (General) Regulation 2005

The Hunter Water (General) Regulation 2005 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Amendments Schedule 1

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

[1] Clause 3 Definitions

Insert in alphabetical order:

dwelling means a room or suite of rooms occupied or used, or so constructed or adapted as to be capable of being occupied or used, as a separate residence.

[2] Clause 4 Plumbing and drainage work to comply with Code of Practice and to use only approved fittings

Insert after clause 4 (1):

- (1A) A person is not guilty of an offence under subclause (1) if:
 - (a) the work involves:
 - (i) repairing a tap or showerhead in a dwelling, or
 - (ii) the installation of water-restricting or flow-regulating devices to tap end fittings (including showerheads) in a dwelling, and
 - (b) the person carrying out the work:
 - (i) is an owner or occupier of the dwelling, or
 - (ii) has been authorised to carry out the work by a person who is an owner or occupier of the dwelling and does not receive payment or other consideration for carrying out that work.
- (1B) Subclause (1A) does not apply to work involving the repair of any thermostatic mixing valve, tempering valve or backflow prevention device.

[3] Clause 6 Permit required for plumbing or drainage work

Insert after clause 6 (1):

- (1A) A person is not guilty of an offence under this clause if:
 - (a) the work involves:
 - (i) repairing a tap or showerhead in a dwelling, or
 - (ii) the installation of water-restricting or flow-regulating devices to tap end fittings (including showerheads) in a dwelling, and
 - (b) the person carrying out the work:
 - (i) is an owner or occupier of the dwelling, or

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- (ii) has been authorised to carry out the work by a person who is an owner or occupier of the dwelling and does not receive payment or other consideration for carrying out that work.
- (1B)Subclause (1A) does not apply to work involving the repair of any thermostatic mixing valve, tempering valve or backflow prevention device.
- Clause 15 Person to give certificate of compliance after work completed [4] Insert "or a person referred to in clause 6 (1A)" after "Corporation" in clause 15 (4).
- Clause 16 Restrictions on use of water [5] Omit "or" from clause 16 (2) (a). Insert instead "and".
- Clause 16 (2) (c) [6]

Insert "first" after "notice is".