

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## STATEMENT: WATERMARK CERTIFICATION SCHEME

On 25 January 2013, Standards Australia Limited (Standards Australia) and the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) formally entered into an agreement for the transfer of the administration of the WaterMark Certification Scheme from Standards Australia to the ABCB.

From 25 February 2013, Standards Australia Limited (SA) will no longer be the administrator of the WaterMark Certification Scheme, and the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) will be taking over the administration and management of the WaterMark Certification Scheme.

From 25 February 2013, ABCB will be responsible for administering, reviewing and updating all technical specifications, content and rules in relation to the WaterMark Certification Scheme.

Appointment of new scheme certifiers and development of technical specifications will be temporarily suspended until 25 February 2013. From 25 February 2013 any new applications for approval as a scheme certifier and queries relating to technical specifications should be directed to ABCB.

“Standards Australia and our committees have worked hard over many years to support this important Scheme. We are looking forward to seeing the Scheme transitioned to the Australian Building Codes Board,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

“I would like to recognise the contributions of all committee members, Certification Assessment Bodies and the National Plumbing Regulators Forum who have been so critical to the operation of the Scheme over many years,” Mr Blair said.

From 25 February 2013, the WaterMark website and database will be found at [www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au) and the Scheme Administrator will be able to be contacted as follows:

Email: [watermark@abcb.gov.au](mailto:watermark@abcb.gov.au)  
Phone: 1300 134 631  
Post Address: ABCB, Attention: WaterMark Administrator, GPO Box 9839,  
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