



The Network's charter is to identify, develop and action projects that will have a measurable impact on the uptake of sustainable building practices in Far North Queensland.

To whom it may concern,

RE: GUIDE FOR RETROFITTING RAINWATER TANKS IN CYCLONIC WIND AREAS

The Building Codes of Australia classifies rainwater tanks as a structure that must be tied down in a cyclonic area. Local Authorities enforce the regulations. Retrofitting rainwater tanks require forms to be completed and submitted along with other detail to Local Authorities. The Tropical Green Building Network has been actively working towards providing clear information on the new process.

The guide that we have attached has been compiled in association with some of the rainwater tank suppliers in the region and the Cairns Regional Council. The guide is to benefit the sellers and buyers of rainwater tanks in a bid to make installation an easier process.

It would assist the buyer if they received a 'tie down' system certified technical drawing as part of their purchase. You may choose to provide a certified technical drawing to suit a chosen base for your rainwater tank range, thereby alleviating the 'one off' cost to the buyer. You may also choose to provide assistance to the buyer with a site plan drawing and the relevant forms that are required to submit to the local authority.

If you wish to discuss any of the information we have provided, please make contact. More information about the Tropical Green Building Network can be found at <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum>. If you would like to have your details added to the Network and be part of the Rainwater Tank subgroup, please also make contact.

Regards

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