

Motion For Thursday, 26th February 2009

Roof Guttering

That Council writes to Minister for Fair Trading outlining its concerns regarding roof guttering and request it take the following action:

- a) produce a circular advising all relevant building industry personnel of the necessity to comply with the Building Code of Australia and that the provision of 'slots' in high-front guttering is not sufficient to ensure compliance
- b) illustrate the circular with diagrams indicating methods of installation that do not comply,
- c) distribute it to all industry associations and ask them to distribute it to all their members,
- d) give a copy to all relevant licence holders (not solely plumbers) when their licences come up for renewal,
- e) approach the manufacturers and require them to place a warning on their websites about the need for compliance with the BCA,
- f) require manufacturers to provide all purchasers of high-front guttering with a copy of the warning and diagrams that illustrate compliant methods of installation,
- g) vet the wording of these warnings so that the nature of the problem is made absolutely clear,
- h) encourage manufacturers to modify their installation systems so that they are fit for purpose and comply with the Building Code of Australia, and
- i) ensure that manufacturers and suppliers of gutter remove all false and misleading information from their websites, advertising and brochures.

Council will also give a copy of the circular to owner/builder's when they get their permit to build.