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## Have your say on Building Code changes – consultation opens 5 August - BC Update 253

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### Abbreviation

BC Update 253 - Have your say on Building Code changes

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### Description

This Building Code update aims to support higher-density housing by providing safer building solutions and increased design options.

MBIE is focusing on improving the long term resilience of buildings in areas with liquefaction-prone ground, applying learnings from the Canterbury earthquakes and providing a further compliance pathway for light steel framing.

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### Scope

Within the updates proposed to the Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods, the most significant changes are in two main areas:

#### **Promote robust foundation solutions for liquefaction-prone ground**

- Changes are proposed to support safer and more resilient housing foundations. Buildings on ground that has been identified as prone to liquefaction will require specifically designed foundations.

#### **Support building higher-density housing and give more choice in framing specification**

- This proposal will help streamline the building consenting process for light steel framing, which will help housing

densification and encourage off-site manufacture, while also giving designers additional material choices

View the full proposal and provide feedback on the [MBIE Corporate website](#)

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Notes/comments

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