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Description

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Scope

The most significant proposed amendments aim to do the following:

Increase clarity and consistency around fire safety requirements by:

- improving building features for firefighter operations in emergencies to better align with current Fire and Emergency New Zealand procedures and equipment
- amending fire testing requirements for cladding systems, so that international fire test methods can be considered

Providing more options to comply with the Building Code for surface water drainage by:

- issuing a new Acceptable Solution for the design and installation of stormwater drainage systems
- making it easier to determine rainfall intensities for specific locations

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Notes/comments

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