

Class 9B Buildings – management of sanitary facilities

This replaces previous Minister's Guideline 94/03 issued on 16 June 1994 and reprinted 2003

Pursuant to section 188(1)(c) of the Building Act 1993 (the Act) I hereby issue the following Guideline. Note that section 188(7) of the Act provides that a municipal building surveyor or private building surveyor must have regard to this Guideline in carrying out their functions.

Toilet accommodation for male and female patrons in Class 9b buildings greater than 500m² in area which are places of public entertainment is to be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) Table F2.3.

Without limiting the conditions which can be included on an occupancy permit, an occupancy permit for this class of building may be issued subject to conditions relating to the management and use of these facilities in respect of -

- a. the distribution of the sanitary facilities provided when male and female patrons are not present in equal numbers. The ratio for the provision of facilities in this situation should be not less than 1.7 WC's provided for females to every WC or urinal provided for males.
- b. the signage provided to designate male and female sanitary facilities. Signage in such a building should be able to be readily re-arranged so that toilet accommodation can be allocated to reflect the distribution of male and female patrons at a particular event in that building.

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