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## BCA 2008 – Bathurst in Climate Zone 7

The ABCB (Australian Building Codes Board) has posted on their website for comment, the proposed amendments to the BCA (Building Code of Australia Volumes 1 and 2), to be published 1 May 2008. This article draws attention to one issue – The classification of the climate zone for Bathurst (NSW) will change from Climate Zone 6 to Climate Zone 7, reflecting a more extreme range of temperatures than originally assumed.

For Class 1 and 10 buildings, BCA Volume 2 states “Part 3.12 does not apply in NSW”, and the BASIX requirements take precedence. For Class 2 and 4 buildings, the BASIX requirements are in place, rather than the requirements of BCA Volume 1. For Class 3 and 5 to 9 buildings BCA Volume 1 (with some modification) applies, and in this case the Bathurst climate zone from Climate Zone 6 to Climate Zone 7 is relevant.

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