



Notice to Housing Assessors November 2008

BUILDING CONSENT FOR WET AREA SHOWERS

The Department of Building and Housing (DBH) announced on 16th October that some types of common, minor building work will no longer require a building consent.

The DBH's reasoning is that this will save building owners considerable time and money, allowing councils to focus on building consent applications that are more complex.

Both **accessible** and Enable New Zealand are in the process of seeking clarification from the DBH on the terms of requirement for consent, for wet area showers as the information they have provided regarding Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004 is unclear.

accessible and Enable New Zealand will continue to gain building consents for the installation of wet area showers until we receive the relevant information from the DBH in terms of whether a bathroom modification to create a wet area shower will require a building consent or if it meets the specific exemptions set under Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004.