Residential Recycled Water Plumbing Inspections

Changes to current booking practices

The Victorian water corporations have recently been notified by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of an impending change to the inspection regime of residential recycled water plumbing inspections. These inspections are currently carried out by the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) at three stages during construction. These are:

- R1 – First inspection
- R2 – Second inspection
- R3 – Final (commissioning) inspection

Currently all three inspections are booked with the VBA on their online system E-Toolbox. This practice will remain in place until 12 April 2015.

From 13 April 2015 plumbers will be required to book the final inspection with VBA, and book the first and second inspection with the relevant water corporation (South East Water for its service area).

The new booking process from 13 April 2015 is as follows:

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Bookings with South East Water for the first inspection (R1) and second inspection (R2) can be made by email at recycledwater@sew.com.au or alternatively on (03) 9552 3219.

Required inspection booking information

When booking, please provide:

1. Plumber’s details (name and company)
2. Plumber’s mobile phone number and email address
3. PIC No. & Site address (estate name, lot number and street name)
4. Inspection type (R1 or R2)
5. Date available for inspection

- South East Water will only carry out inspections in so far as they relate to the Conditions of Connection issued for new developments connecting to recycled water.
- If the recycled water connections are not carried out in accordance with the Conditions of Connection, South East Water will request the work be rectified under the provisions of the Water Act 1989.
- South East Water will not be certifying or approving plumbing works in terms of quality and will not be liable for any poor workmanship carried out by the plumber.

For any further details or questions about this process change in booking recycled water plumbing inspections, please contact South East Water’s Plumbing Coordinator John McCulloch on (03) 9552 3426 or at John.McCulloch@sew.com.au

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