

House of Representatives
Supplementary Order Paper

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Building Bill

Proposed amendments

Sue Kedgley, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 119C

To add, after subclause (2) (after line 4 on page 45), the following subclause:

- (3) Despite **subsection (1)**, a territorial authority may, solely for reasons of resource conservation, require building work to achieve performance criteria in addition to those prescribed in the building code in relation to that building work.

Clause 195

To add, after subclause (1)(a)(ii) (after line 18 on page 111), the following subparagraph:

- (iii) energy efficiency and energy conservation; and

To add, after subclause (2)(b)(ii) (after line 35 on page 111), the following subparagraph:

- (iii) energy efficiency and energy conservation; and
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Explanatory note

The amendment to clause 119C is to empower territorial authorities to ensure that the performance standards of buildings built in their geographic region are suited to the resource conditions of their area – for example as related to water shortages or heat loss in a cold climate. The Bill as it stands allows the building code to have regional variation but this is to be controlled by central government not local. Local government is in a good position to determine these kinds of issues.

The amendments to clause 195 ensure that alterations to existing buildings result in them complying as nearly as is reasonably practicable with the provisions of the building code related to energy efficiency and energy conservation. In the current context of energy demand approaching energy supply capacity, we should take every opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of the stock of buildings in New Zealand.
