

Watermarking

A topic of hot debate and discussion over the past twelve months have been the requirement for Watermarked product to be installed for the heated water system in caravans as per specific Victorian legislation. This draws down from the National Construction Code.

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) is the state regulator for the plumbing industry and oversees all activity undertaken by plumbers in the state of Victoria.

As this is legislation which specifically applies to Victoria, Caravan Trade & Industries Association of Victoria (CTIA Vic) has been working closely with the VBA since late 2015 to negotiate an outcome for industry and has secured a plumbing modification allowing industry time for the changes to be implemented. This modification ceases on 31 January 2017.

This means after 1 February 2017 all relevant materials and products used on **heated water service work in or on caravan in Victoria must be Watermarked.**

This is not a requirement for manufactured product outside of Victoria however the legislation also has applications for parts being replaced under repair or service, irrespective of when or where the product was manufactured, where a Victorian plumber is used.

Any questions relating to Watermarking should be directed in the first instance to Daniel Sahlberg at CTIA Vic. Individuals should refrain from contacting the VBA direct. Daniel can be contacted on dsahlberg@ciavic.com.au or (03) 9372 5388.