

BUILDING PERFORMANCE

Making it easier, faster and cheaper to build

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Removing Barriers & Strengthening Competition



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Strengthening competition

Removing barriers to using building products from overseas

1 Entire standard systems
Recognise international standard organisations and certification schemes from certain countries



Reduce uncertainty and make it easier for overseas standards from certain countries to be accepted



Increase competition for building products

Amount of products

Most

Certainty of acceptance

Possible

2 Key individual standards
streamlining the citation of international standards through building product equivalency specifications



Make design and consenting more efficient



Shift liabilities away from councils



Cut red tape by streamlining processes in the Building Act



Make the regulatory system more agile for new products

Amount of products

Less

Certainty of acceptance

Probable

3 Products and certification schemes
Specifying certain Product Certification Schemes appropriately certified products



Increase the number of certified building products



Lower costs of building products and construction

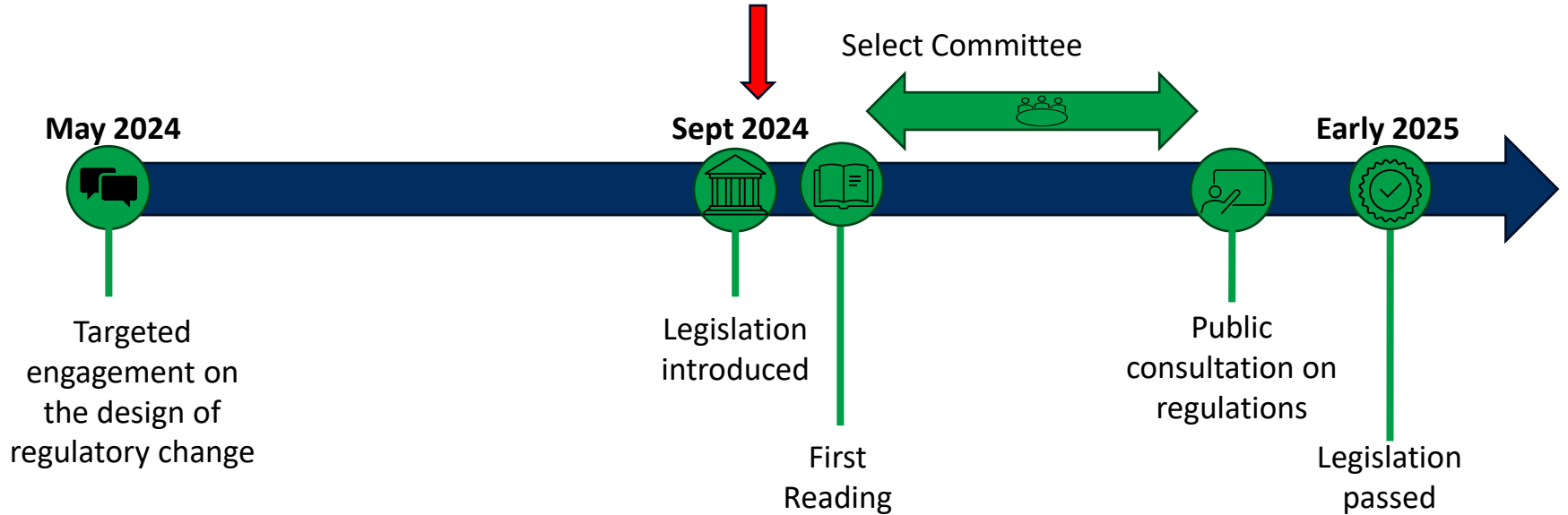
Amount of products

Least

Certainty of acceptance

Almost Certain

Timeline for removing barriers to overseas products



Streamlining building consent system



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Ensuring granny flats are safe, healthy and durable



**Making it easier to
build granny flats**

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

- Proposed new Schedule, with conditions
- Single-storey, new, standalone dwelling up to 60 m²
- Includes conditions on:
 - Height
 - Height to boundary
 - Protection from fire
 - Structure, external moisture and wind zones
 - Plumbing work
 - Who can do the work (design and build)
 - Notification of work to council



Aim for legislation to be passed by mid-2025

Increasing the uptake of remote inspections

- Guidance published on 31 July
- Public consultation on a range of options later this year (likely late September)
- Policy development informed by feedback received during 2023 Building Consent System Review



Building Product Information Requirements & other updates

NZS 3604 202X

- Public consultation originally planned for August 2024
 - Standards New Zealand have indicated completion for working groups is likely late October/November 2024
 - Public consultation now in early 2025
- The draft edition will correct 300+ errors in current NZS 3604:2011
- It will be better placed to address issues of durability.
- Framing and concrete foundation provisions will incorporate an extension to 3 storey buildings.



Update on life-cycle assessments

- Aug 2020: Whole of life embodied carbon emissions reduction framework
- Feb 2022: Whole of life embodied carbon technical assessment methodology
- Nov 2023: Exemplar assessments

The documents are **voluntary guidance**, and have not been introduced into the Building code.

There are no requirements from 2025.

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Pātai?

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