

Guidelines for Structural Checking Engineer staff of the Christchurch City Council, to be applied in the assessment of structural compliance of BPA's with the provisions of the Building Bylaws.

1. All Applicants are legally entitled to be issued with an approved Building Permit provided that all relevant criteria in their particular application comply with the Building Bylaw provisions.
2. Do not attempt to rewrite the Bylaws, but administer them as they are written, or apply them as they may be interpreted in the context of each specific application. If ambiguity exists, then determine the intent of any applicable Bylaws and apply their provisions in the context of that intent.
3. You are entitled to rely upon the recognized expertise of a Professional Designer who is prepared to certify under his signature that a specific design for a conventional or innovative structure (or detail), complies in all respects with the intent of the provisions of NZS 1900 Chapter 8.
4. Do not amend the BPA drawings in any way (in order to expedite the permit process), as to do so could compromise the responsibility for the specific design which otherwise fully belongs to the Professional Designer.



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