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I have been a Building Designer in private practice for 5 years and a draftsman prior for 3 years. I have had the fortune of working for some large developers where I have had access to the Australian Standards. I have a very good knowledge and understanding of the Australian Standards and reference them in all specifications and drawings. This is at the moment not a problem in the design and construction process.

The problems that occur with the limited knowledge of others in the building industry, Builders and Tradesmen who are to build our designs in accordance with the Building Code of Australia and the Australian Standards. Most tradesmen do their work with little or no knowledge of the Australian Standards and certify work as they see fit, the biggest problem in the industry is the Home Owner Builder who had sat in a classroom for two days and has no knowledge of the Building Industry and is about to set out building homes with construction costs of in excess of \$500,000. This is the reason why the Building Code of Australia and the Australian Standards should be made public to protect the consumer, is that not why we have governments and Codes and Regulations but to protect the consumer.

The Building Code of Australia and the Australian Standards should be for all to follow.

All other standards rules and regulations are publicly known.

It is about time the Building Industry and Government Standards do what is the best for the consumer.