

Use of smoke alarms to prevent smoke and fire related deaths  
Submission 9 - Supplementary Submission

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Supplement information to the Committee

Quick access and egress is of most importance to bystanders and Firefighters in the event of fire. There are provisions in the Building Code of Australia for minimum light and ventilation to rooms in residential buildings. Due to cost cutting by Builders in the 1990's and up until today, slim narrow strip windows are being installed in Brick buildings. This is meeting minimum Code requirements. I recommend that:

*minimum glass size in any opening to sleeping quarters or bedroom is 700mm x 700mm.*

This fire provision is to over ride any other requirement in the Building Code of Australia.

Kind regards

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