

Producer Statements

Producer statements are formal statements issued by any person, certifying that building work design or construction complies with specific standards, codes or documents in order to comply with the provision of the Building Code or building consent. The statement will be in the form of a certificate or statement signed by the author of the producer statement.

Producer statements have been widely used by the building industry in the past and were provided for under the Building Act 1991. Although no specific provision has been made for producer statements in the 2004 Act, the Department of Building and Housing have advised that the use of producer statements may continue.

Purpose

A producer statement system allows a BCA to recognise the assurance of building professionals that building work design or construction is, or will be, technically acceptable and will satisfy the provisions of the building consent or Building Code.

The BCA may rely on a producer statement enabling it to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the building work design or construction will satisfy the provisions of the building consent or Building Code.

Types

It is accepted practice that there are two categories and four types of producer statement.

Table 1: Categories, types and intended purposes of producer statements.

Design	PS1 Producer statement design	Used by designers to certify specific design elements comply with specified standards or codes in order to comply with the provisions of the Building Code.
	Producer statement design review	Used by people undertaking a peer review of all or part of a design to say that the design or the specified part of the design complies with specified standards or codes in order to comply with the provisions of the Building Code.
Construction	Producer statement construction	Used by constructors or trades people to certify that the specified building work that they have undertaken complies with the building consent.
	Producer statement Construction review	Used by people undertaking a peer review of specified building work undertaken by constructors or trades people to certify that the building work that has been undertaken complies with the building consent.

Acceptance and Requests

The BCA may accept, at its discretion, but cannot insist on a producer statement. However, the BCA may choose to enter into a special agreement with the building consent applicant that due to the nature of the building work a producer statement should be provided from a specified author for a specific portion of the building work.

Each producer statement received will be reviewed and assessed on a case by case basis in accordance with Waipa District Council Building Compliance Department's policy.

Attributes and Features

The essential attributes of a producer statement are:

- The statement must be an original or certified copy signed;
- The category of the producer statement must be shown;
- The statement must be project specific clearly identifying the specific location and owner of the building work;
- The statement must state clearly what standards or codes the design or building work complies with in order to comply with the Building Code or building consent;
- The statement must describe the basis on which the statement is issued;
- The statement must show the name, address, and qualifications of the author and be signed by the author;
- Any special limitations or conditions must be clearly shown;
- Design or constructions assumptions.

Optional attributes that should be considered are:

- Other verifications taken into account or assumed;
- Any references to building consent or other documents;
- Documents signed to verify acceptability;
- Quality assurance reviews;
- Risk assessment.