

QFES REFERRAL AGENCY RESPONSE

4. Building work involving particular free-standing shade structures

The information contained within this document can be considered as Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) referral agency response before an application is made to the Assessment Manager for the particular type of building work mentioned below.

Description of QFES Scope Reduction Initiative

A shade structure is a shade cloth/fabric structure designed to provide permanent shade that is attached to steel posts, timber posts or the like.

For building work that involves a shade structure that:

- » is free-standing and more than six metres from another building on the allotment
- » is an open structure allowing access from all sides, and
- » has no walls or provision for doors, windows, sashes or the like that can enclose the area.

Note: This does not include shade structures on top of buildings or where QFES vehicle access is required beneath the structure.

Advice

Provided that the Deemed-to-Satisfy (DTS) and/or Performance Requirements of National Construction Code (NCC) Volume 1 pertaining to this QFES Scope Reduction Initiative (SRI) and the additional advice contained within has been adhered to, it is discretionary as to whether further advice is to be sought from QFES.

Option to submit Request for Assessment

If the proposed building work meets the scope reduction criteria, a 'Request for Assessment' may still be submitted, at the discretion of the applicant/certifier. In such cases, the normal QFES assessment process will be undertaken and fees charged accordingly.

Clarification

This information is provided to assist the applicant/ Assessment Manager to ensure that the type of building work identified in this SRI is designed and installed to satisfy QFES operational and legislative requirements.

This Information Sheet must be read in conjunction with the [General requirements of the QFES Scope Reduction Initiative](#).