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## PRACTICE NOTE NO.15 WATER SAFETY UPDATE

### Purpose

The purpose of this Circular is to inform councils that *Practice Note No.15 Water Safety* has been updated to align with current relevant national Vocational and Education Training Packages, Australian Standards and NSW legislation; and to include updated details for organisations referenced in the Practice Note.

### Issue

- Currently applicable Training Packages do not generally include references to specific training organisations but, rather, generic competencies for qualifications required by water safety personnel.
- The Australian Standard applying to water safety signage has been revised.
- The NSW *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000* has been replaced by the NSW *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.
- The updated Practice Note is available on the Division's website at [http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg\\_DocumentsIndex.asp?sectionid=1&documenttype=5&mi=6&ml=2](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_DocumentsIndex.asp?sectionid=1&documenttype=5&mi=6&ml=2).

### Action

Councils are encouraged to make use of the Practice Note to assist in the management of aquatic recreation facilities and services in their areas.



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