

Specialist Inspections and Producer Statements

When do you need these?

Producer statements are typically used for specialist work, such as engineering, or where there is a proprietary product which is installed by appointed contractors. Aspects of this work will be outside the Council's in-house expertise and a producer statement can assist the council when they are determining whether the building work complies with the Building Code. Examples include an engineer assessing the design for an excavation and retaining wall, or where an IQP (independent qualified person) is installing, testing or commissioning specified systems.

On completion of the specialist inspection the Council will require documentation to be forwarded to confirm compliance. This document is known as a producer statement.

Producer Statements

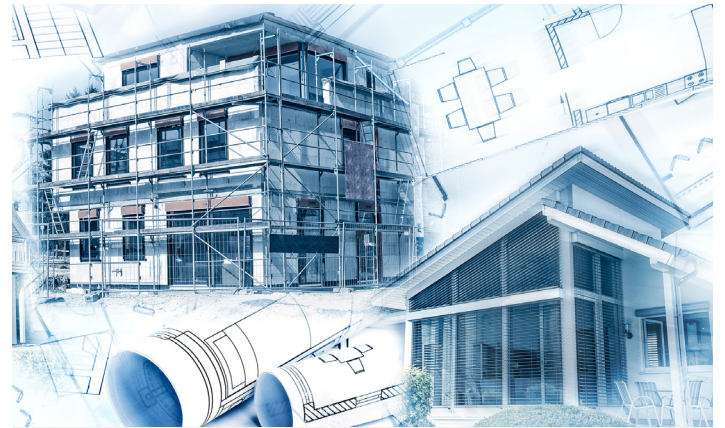
Producer statements are formal statements supplied by or on behalf of:

- an applicant for building consent or
- a person who has carried out building work.

These statements confirm that certain work will be, or has been carried out, in accordance with nominated performance requirements of the building code or conditions of consent. A producer statement will usually be in the form of a certificate or written statement, signed by a design professional, engineer or contractor.

Producer statements are useful methods for the applicant and Council as they may provide reasonable grounds for determining compliance with the Building Code or verification the building work complies with the Building Consent.

It is also important to note that an engineer or other specialist inspection does not relieve the owner of their responsibility to ensure that all the required inspections set out on the consent are done by Council.



Specialist work where Producer Statements may be required:

- geotechnical
- structural
- mechanical
- hydraulic
- fire design
- acoustic
- heating, ventilation and air-conditioning
- hazardous substances and processes.

Council may also at its discretion accept producer statements for other building work or related activities which may not have been observed by a Council Inspector, such as the installation of specified systems – see the fact sheet on compliance schedules.

What sort of Producer Statements are required?

PS1 - Producer Statement Design

This is intended for use by a suitably qualified independent design professional. Designers must specify what clauses of the building code are covered and clearly show on the plans where the PS1 applies.

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The PS1 must be signed by the author and be specific to the building project site and products used.

PS2 - Producer Statement Design Review

This is a review of the design submitted for the building consent. It is carried out by an independent design professional with the qualifications and experience for that work.

PS3 - Producer Statement Construction

This is intended to be supplied by the installer of systems and confirms that the construction or installation is completed in accordance with the consent documents.

PS4 - Producer Statement Construction Review

This is intended for use by the person required by the consent to undertake construction monitoring. It should verify that any required inspections have been completed and meet the terms of the PS1.

Note: The Council reserves the right to accept or reject producer statements without prejudice.

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