



## INFORMATION SHEET – PLUMBING – HOT / COLD WATER FLOW

This general information sheet highlights water supply standards in relation to the flow of both hot and cold water.

The plumbing code (AS35000) does not specifically state left or right connection of water supply pipes to tap sets, however section 4.3 includes 'cross-connection hazard ratings'. The hazard if hot and cold water service pipes are cross connected (different from the Australia wide accepted standard, whereby hot water should flow from the operation of the left hand side tap or left hand operation of a mixer taps) falls in category Part b) *Medium Hazard*, which in part reads 'any condition or device in connection with the water supply system that has the potential to endanger health', such as burns to skin and particularly for persons visually impaired.

On the odd occasion that we identify water service pipes that are piped incorrectly (back to front), we list and highlight this as a defect within our building reports for the plumbing to be correct with the statement '**hot water should only flow from the left hand operation of the tap**'.

For further details contact our inspector directly on 0409 906 688.