

Procedure: Maintaining Hoarding Beyond Initial 12-Month Exemption

Overview

Hoarding at Belconnen Section 54 Block 45 is subject to two separate regulatory exemptions:

1. **Development Approval (DA) Exemption** – under *Planning (Exempt Development) Regulation 2023*, Section 1.37 (*Temporary buildings and other structures*).
2. **Building Approval (BA) Exemption** – under *Building (General) Regulation 2008*, Schedule 1, Part 1.3, Item 3.

Both exemptions allow the hoarding to remain without formal DA or BA approval **provided compliance with specified criteria**. Renewal is required annually for DA exemption; BA exemption only needs reconfirmation if design changes occur.

Requirement 1: DA Exemption

- **Current Status:**

Confirmed as exempt under *Planning (Exempt Development) Regulation 2023*, Section 1.37.

Latest extension granted until **14 November 2026** by the Territory Planning Authority delegate (Dominic Riches).
- **Process for Renewal:**
 1. **Timing:** Submit extension request **4–6 weeks before expiry**.
 2. **Email:** Send to **planningenquiries@act.gov.au**.
 3. **Addressed to:**
 - **Executive Group Manager** (currently George Cilliers), or
 - **Executive Branch Manager (EBM)** (currently Craig Weller).
 4. **Include in request:**
 - Site details (Block, Section, Suburb).
 - Original exemption reference (Section 1.37).
 - Confirmation hoarding remains compliant (dimensions, design, no impact to neighbouring land).
 - Reason for extension (e.g., site awaiting redevelopment).

- Proposed new expiry date (usually 12 months further).

Requirement 2: BA Exemption

- **Current Status:**

Confirmed as exempt under *Building (General) Regulation 2008*, Schedule 1, Part 1.3, Item 3.

No licensed builder required for installation.

Exemption applies as long as hoarding design remains unchanged (2.4m high x 1.8m wide plywood panels, in-ground footings, no impact to neighbouring land).

- **Process for Renewal:**

- **No annual renewal required** if design remains unchanged.
- If design changes (height, materials, footings), email **Access Canberra** for reconfirmation.
- **Contact:**
 - **Adam Davidson**, Building Surveyor – Compliance Assessment Team.
 - Email: adam.davidson@act.gov.au
 - Phone: 0434 697 611.

Summary Table

Requirement	Current Status	Renewal Process	Contact
DA Exemption	Valid until 14 Nov 2026	Email request for extension before expiry	planningenquiries@act.gov.au (EGM or EBM)
BA Exemption	Confirmed; no renewal unless design changes	Email Access Canberra if design changes	adam.davidson@act.gov.au