

Points to consider for designers, contractors and building owners who are considering using building products from those originally requested or specified.

If you are thinking about substituting a product you need to:



Step 1: Consider the law

Consider the legal context; for example, understand your responsibilities under the Building Act 2004 or as stated in your contract with the owner.



Step 2: Consider the building implications

Consider the broader implications of using a different product to that specified, including whether it is fit for the same purpose and still meets the owner's needs.



Step 3: Implement the changes

Implement any changes; for example, if substituting the product requires an amendment to a building consent.