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History

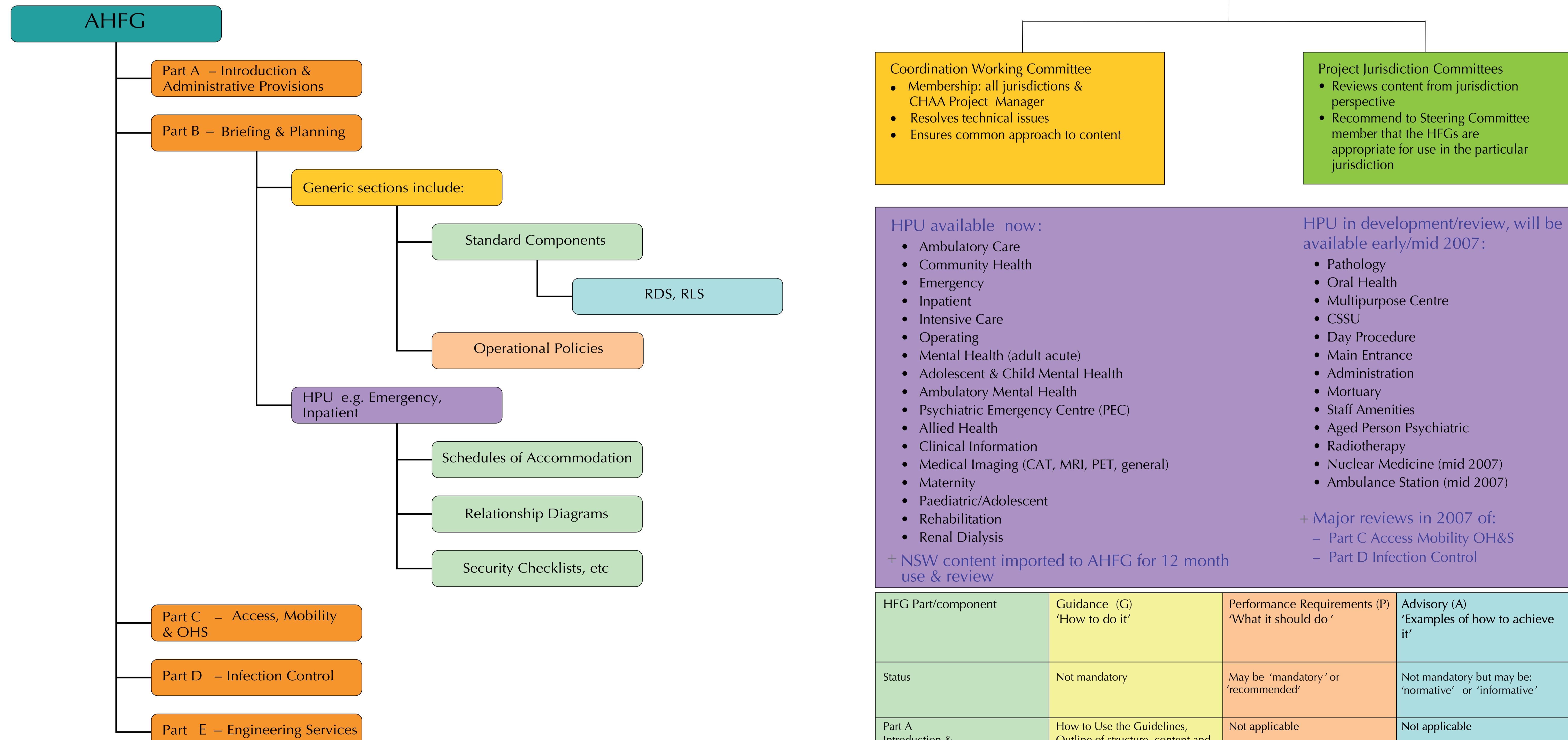
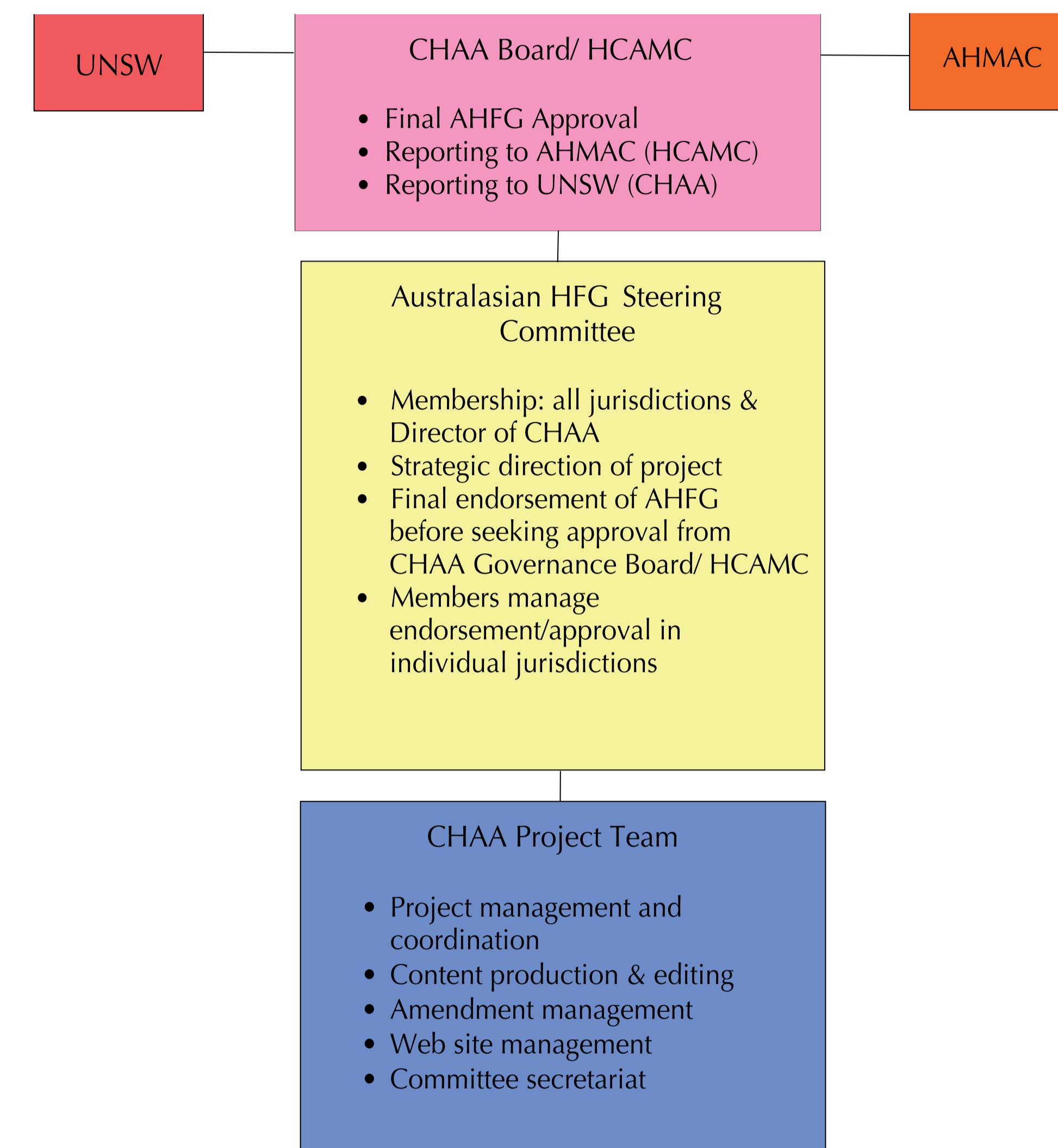
The AHFG have been developed for the Health Capital Assets Managers' Consortium of Australia and New Zealand (HCAMC) by CHAA, a UNSW Research Centre.

Officially launched on 24 November 2006 for a 12 month period of industry use and review, the AHFG were initiated through the work of Vic DHS and Health Projects International who first developed the guidelines database in MS Access format. This initial work was continued by UNSW for NSW Health in upgrading the NSW HFG and HPU in 2002-2004. This work has now been further reviewed and translated into the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines for use in Australia and New Zealand.

The guidelines draw on many sources of information including WA Private Hospital Guidelines, US and UK guidelines. Acknowledgement of the many contributors is made in the guidelines' introductory section.

Anticipated Benefits include:

- Reduced levels of debate over repeatable elements that occur in most health facility projects
- Simplification of design briefing processes and better accuracy of cost estimates at earlier project phases
- Reduction in the number of design variations and 'scope creep'
- Reduced need for consultation/user groups, and more effective use of those deemed necessary
- Reduction in design time overall, allowing designers to focus on key and innovative elements in producing better quality facility designs
- Assisting designers in meeting minimum legal obligations – standards, codes and regulations etc
- Enabling the incorporation of an 'evidence base' to underpin better standards of health facility design.



Development Process

The guidelines were developed through an extensive process of consultation and review. The guideline sections developed to date have been reviewed by many health planners, designers, Project Directors/Managers, health facility managers, clinicians, Colleges and professional organisations, and health department officers. The opportunity to comment on guideline provisions and to participate in review and update of the guidelines continues to exist. For further information visit the AHFG website at www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au or contact CHAA using the details below.

Accessing the AHFG:

The guidelines are available from: www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au or via the CHAA website at: www.chaa.net.au

Reviewers Needed in 2007:

If you are interested in reviewing guideline sections visit the CHAA website, email chaa.admin@unsw.edu.au or phone us on +61 2 9385 5619.

Further Information?

To understand how the HFG apply in your jurisdiction, or for information regarding Variation and Review processes; contact your State/Territory Health Department; visit the AHFG website for links to the website for your jurisdiction - or contact CHAA using the details above.

HFG Part/component	Guidance (G) 'How to do it'	Performance Requirements (P) 'What it should do'	Advisory (A) 'Examples of how to achieve it'
Status	Not mandatory	May be 'mandatory' or 'recommended'	Not mandatory but may be: 'normative' or 'informative'
Part A Introduction & Instructions for Use	How to Use the Guidelines, Outline of structure, content and purpose of each section, Terms of Reference, Tables of abbreviations, glossary, References and further Reading	Not applicable	Not applicable
Part B Briefing and Planning	Section 80 General Requirements (whole section) All HPU sections: -Introduction -Planning Principles	All HPU sections: -Design -Components of the unit: general provisions	Section 90 Standard Components All HPU sections: -Non Standard Components -Schedules of accommodation -Functional Relationship Diagrams -Security Issues/checklists -Other checklists (if produced) -Room Data Sheets -Room Layout Sheets
Part C Access, Mobility, OHS and Security	Introduction Planning	Space Standards and Dimensions Human Engineering Signage Safety and Security	Checklists
Part D Infection Control	General Requirements Construction and Renovation References	Building elements – hand washing Surfaces and Finishes	Checklists
Part E Engineering Services	Introduction (under construction)	Other Sections (under construction)	Checklists (under construction)

Australasian HFG Parts and Use

Need for Classification?

- Some jurisdictions wish to mandate all or part of the guidelines e.g. private hospital regulation
- Implications for the language used- BCA, Standards/Codes, Natspec examples.
- Categorisation allows legislation to refer to only the parts that can or will be mandatory
- Otherwise the guidelines are 'recommended' practice only (default position).