

## Submissions to the Draft Third Edition of the Code of Practice for the Control of Bed Bug Infestations in Australia.

The following is the only submission received while the Draft Third Edition of the Bed Bug Code of Practice (CoP) was open for public comment; thank you Simon for the contribution. The name of the person providing the submission is followed by their affiliation and their comments in italics. Following this is a reply by the CoP Working Party (indicated as '[WP: ...]') to the submission and whether or not the Draft Third Edition CoP was modified accordingly.

Thank you again for those who have contributed to the continuing evolution of the Australian Bed Bug Code of Practice.

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Section 16.1.4. [Non-chemical control; heat] My understanding of Naylor & Boase study is that the linen needs to be dry before being subjected to the hot setting for 30 minutes. This is not clear in the CoP.

[WP: Stephen Doggett emailed Richard Naylor, University of Sheffield for clarification on this point. The reply (8/March/2010) received is as follows:

*"We did our dryer trials with dry laundry, so I really don't know if it would still work had the laundry been wet. My feeling is that as long as the clothes aren't packed in too tightly it would probably still be fine, but I don't know for sure. I think...to leave it in until dry, is probably the safest option. I am convinced this would be more than adequate."*

In response to this reply, the CoP was modified accordingly and now reads (Section 17.1.4, page 34):

*"For tumble drying, the Naylor and Boase investigations found that the dryer had to be operated on the 'hot' setting for 30 minutes for dry clothes to achieve a complete kill of all stages. If clothes are wet, then they should be left in the machine until completely dry."*