

## PRODUCTS

### Queenslanders Quick to Quote Qualicoat



Queensland architects and specifiers have started to adopt the Qualicoat specifications for architectural powder coating of aluminium.

In the past month a number of architectural and building development specifications have referenced Qualicoat, insisting all powder coated materials be sourced from licensed Qualicoat powder coaters. These examples prove that specifiers are recognising the benefits of third party accreditation offered by the international Qualicoat licensing system.

In the past year over 10,000 Qualicoat Specification Guideline brochures have been sent to architects, specifiers, fabricators and builders around the country. Explaining how to specify Qualicoat and what benefits it affords, this document has fast become a frame of reference for architects and specifiers alike.

The independent Qualicoat licensing system to Australian Standard AS3715 is the first of its kind in the country. It involves NATA approved inspectors performing random audits twice a year on powder coating processes, facilities and testing procedures. This strict auditing schedule essentially verifies the entire powder coating process, from the chemical pre-treatment to the application and curing of the powder.

Administered in Australia by the Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing (AISF), Qualicoat is fully endorsed and supported by powder manufacturers Dulux and Interpon as well as leading industry bodies including the AWA. It is your assurance of quality, ensuring all aluminium window and door powder coated products achieve specification – Qualicoat is the only independent system

that can verify compliance to AS3715.

New President of Qualicoat Australia, Colin Brewster, comments "As Qualicoat specification becomes common practise, it is becoming vital for fabricators of aluminium windows and doors to know which applicators are licensed. We strongly advise fabricators visit [www.qualicoat.org.au](http://www.qualicoat.org.au) and enter the Member Directory for a national list of approved coaters."

Colin continues, "Not only is there a chance you will miss out on a job if you don't use the right applicator, you are also exposing your business to the ramifications of a product defect. Without Qualicoat's stamp of approval, you have no way of knowing the powder coating was done properly."

Using Qualicoat approved coaters will serve your business in the long term, as the finish survives the tests of time. Marketing your use of licensed coaters will deliver results in the short term, giving you a jump on competitors by proving to your customers that their concerns are your top priority.

For a list of Qualicoat licensed powder coaters or for more information please visit [www.qualicoat.org.au](http://www.qualicoat.org.au).