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**BANYULE**

# Call to up pool checks

VICTORIA'S peak real estate body has called for mandatory inspections of backyard pools every two years, claiming new Government-proposed reforms don't go far enough.

The State Government is proposing four-sided isolation barriers for all pools and spas, no matter when they were built, as part of its review of building regulations.

The Government is also considering a statewide register of all pools and spas.

REIV chief executive Gil King said industry experts were demanding mandatory barrier inspections.

He felt the Government's proposed actions ignored this advice.

Mr King said pool safety checks should be made every 24 months, and wants mandatory pool barrier safety certificates, calling that a "proven" lifesaver.

These would be bestowed by councils or by an independent pool barrier inspector.