



Dear Stakeholder,

CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON: REVISION TO THE ENERGY RATING ALGORITHMS AND REVISED MEPS LEVELS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR CONDITIONERS

Government agencies responsible for product energy efficiency are currently investigating whether to revise the energy rating algorithms, MEPS levels and other requirements for air conditioners that are manufactured, imported and sold in Australia and New Zealand.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) addressing this proposal is now available at <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/> under What's New. You or your organisation may be interested in commenting on this proposal.

It aims to communicate to stakeholders the rationale and most important issues and questions relating to the regulatory proposal and to seek stakeholder comment and industry/market data to better inform the development of the regulatory proposal.

Stakeholder submissions regarding this document will be used to prepare a decision regulatory impact statement, which will be submitted to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (see <http://www.obpr.gov.au>) and subsequently to the Ministerial Council on Energy on the revision of the energy rating label algorithm and changes to the minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for air conditioners imported and sold in Australia and New Zealand.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation has provided initial comment on the RIS and suggested respondents may be interested in:

- Providing data on the energy performance characteristics of air conditioners;
- The efficiency and effectiveness of other regulatory and non-regulatory options, for example voluntary efficiency standards;
- The impact of the proposed revision on energy rating algorithms, MEPS levels and other requirements of supplying air conditioners;
- The impact of the proposed revision on energy rating algorithms, MEPS levels and other requirements on customer choice, such as the range of product features that may be affected by the proposal; and
- The impacts on small businesses (manufacturers, importers and users) particularly whether they will be disadvantaged relative to larger businesses by any of the options.

Written submissions from stakeholders will be accepted until close of business Friday 31 October 2008 on any of the issues raised in the document. Please address your written submissions to:

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Please use this opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal.

Yours sincerely



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