



Dear Stakeholder

CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT: PROPOSAL TO PHASE-OUT INEFFICIENT INCANDESCENT LIGHTING PRODUCTS

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) is proposing to phase-out inefficient incandescent light bulbs. Public comment is sought on the proposal to introduce mandatory energy performance standards (MEPS) for incandescent lamps, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and voltage converters.

The proposal will be implemented by introducing MEPS in order to remove the poorest performing products from the Australian market place from 2008.

The first stage of the phase-out will implement an import restriction on General Lighting Service (GLS) inefficient incandescent light bulbs from November 2008, as was announced by the Hon Peter Garrett MP on 5 June 2008. Retailers will then have a further 12 months to sell existing supplies before a retail sales ban comes into effect. For the full announcement see the Minister's media release at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/garrett/2008/pubs/mr20080605.pdf>

It is important to note that CFLs are not being mandated. More efficient forms of incandescent lighting will continue to be available, such as mains voltage halogen lamps.

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

The RIS aims to:

- Communicate to stakeholders the problem and rationale for government intervention;
- Address the most important issues and questions relating to the regulatory proposal; and
- Seek stakeholder comment and industry\market data to better inform the development of the proposal.

Stakeholder submissions regarding this document will be used to prepare a decision RIS. This document will require clearance from the Office of Best Practice Regulation (see <http://www.obpr.gov.au>), before being sent subsequently to the Ministerial Council on Energy for a decision.

DEWHA will accept written submissions from stakeholders on any of the issues raised in the document until close of business on **Friday 10 October 2008**.

Please address your written submissions to:

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Please use this opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Slade', written in a cursive style.

Melanie Slade
Chair
Equipment Energy Efficiency Committee
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