



Dear Stakeholder

CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT ON: PROPOSAL TO MANDATE THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF REFRIGERATED BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES

Government agencies responsible for product energy efficiency are currently investigating whether to mandate the energy performance of Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines (RVBM) 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 RIS, 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 introduction of mandatory minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for RVBMs manufactured, 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 RVBM;
- The efficiency and effectiveness of other regulatory and non-regulatory options, for example voluntary efficiency standards;
- The impact of the proposed MEPS on the costs of supplying RVBM;
- The impact of the proposed MEPS on customer choice, such as the range of product features that may be affected by the proposed MEPS; 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 Tuesday 28 October 2008 on any of the issues raised in the document.

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Please use this opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal.

Yours sincerely



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