



Dear Stakeholder,

**SUPPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT:
INTRODUCING MEASURED ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATIO (EER) AND
COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE (COP) LEVELS FOR AIR
CONDITIONERS IN AUSTRALIA ON 1 OCTOBER 2009.**

Government agencies responsible for product energy efficiency are currently investigating whether to introduce minimum heating and cooling energy efficiency levels (EER and COP) for air conditioners that are manufactured or imported into Australia.

This proposal is supplementary to the annualised Minimum Energy Performance Standards for air conditioners, new Energy Labelling Algorithms and other requirements for air conditioners which were published in a consultation RIS in September 2008, titled *Equipment Energy Efficiency Committee, Regulatory Impact Statement, Consultation Draft, Revision to the Energy Labelling Algorithms and Revised MEPS levels and Other Requirements for Air Conditioners*. The proposal contained in this Supplementary RIS is considered an interim measure to the introduction of the annualised MEPS levels, anticipated for introduction in April 2010.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) addressing this proposal is now available at <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/library/#APPLIANCES>. 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 introduction of minimum heating and cooling energy efficiency levels (EER and COP) for air conditioners, that are manufactured or imported into Australia.

In particular, stakeholder comment is sought on the following:

- 1) Will the proposal outlined in this Supplementary RIS have any cost or other impacts on your business, bearing in mind further requirements scheduled for 1 April 2010?
- 2) Would this proposal change arrangements to shipping and warehousing as compared to introduction of MEPS in 2010?
- 3) How likely is it that compliant products can be sourced by 1 October 2009?
- 4) Are there any differences in price and features between complying and non-complying models?
- 5) How would the Administrative Arrangements outlined in Section 4 impact upon your business or organisation?

Please address any questions to:

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Written submissions from stakeholders will be accepted until close of business **Friday 3 April 2009** 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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