

**Ministerial Council on Energy**  
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**Minimum Energy Performance Standards for Air Conditioners – Consultation**  
**Regulation Impact Statement**

This Bulletin announces the release of the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for revised minimum energy performance standards for air conditioners.

At the Council of Australian Governments meeting on 2 July 2009, all Australian Governments agreed to a comprehensive ten-year strategy to accelerate energy efficiency improvements for householders and businesses across all sectors of the economy and signed the National Partnership Agreement on Energy Efficiency to deliver a nationally consistent and cooperative approach to energy efficiency. One of the measures announced as part of the National Partnership Agreement was “introducing in 2010 new standards for the energy performance of air conditioners and increasing the standard by a further ten per cent from 1 October 2011.”

New standards for air conditioners were introduced on 1 April 2010 with further requirements to come in on 1 April 2011. This consultation RIS proposes a further revision in the stringency of MEPS applying to air conditioners. The results of this consultation RIS will inform a Decision RIS that Ministers will consider.

Comment is now sought on the RIS from affected stakeholders and interested parties particularly in relation to

- the regulatory proposal and alternative strategies;
- the assumptions; and
- cost estimates and benefit estimates.

Public consultation meetings will be held in the following cities during July 2010:

- Brisbane – Monday, 12 July 2010 (2:00 – 4:00pm) –  
Simpson Room, Novotel Brisbane, 200 Creek St, Brisbane
- Sydney – Tuesday, 13 July 2010 (9:00 -11:00am) –  
Adelaide Suite, The Menzies Sydney, 14 Carrington St, Sydney
- Adelaide – Tuesday, 20 July 2010 (2:00 – 4:00pm) –  
Kensington Suite, The Chifley on South Terrace, 226 South Terrace, Adelaide

Please RSVP for one of the sessions to [energyrating@environment.gov.au](mailto:energyrating@environment.gov.au)

**Submissions**

- via email (preferred) to:  
[energyrating@environment.gov.au](mailto:energyrating@environment.gov.au)
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Submissions should be received by Friday 6 August 2010.