



Australian Government

**Department of the Environment and Heritage
Australian Greenhouse Office**

Dear Stakeholder

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MINIMUM ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MEPS) FOR ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND HARMONISE MEPS FOR SINGLE & THREE-PHASE UNITS

Australian government agencies responsible for product energy efficiency are currently investigating whether to increase the mandatory minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for room air conditioners.

Your organisation may be interested in commenting upon the proposal to increase MEPS for room air conditioners, which is explained in the attached documentation.

The Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) of the Department of the Environment and Heritage will be sending this proposal to over 900 stakeholders. It will produce a report on stakeholder views for the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE), prior to that ministerial body making its decision on the regulatory proposal.

All government agencies responsible for product energy efficiency have had a mandate to explore whether MEPS for any product are in the Australian community's best interest. The AGO is assisting those state and territory agencies that legislate in this field to comply with the process of national rule making. The draft Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS), which includes a cost benefit analysis of a variety of options, and demonstrating their impact on all stakeholders, is attached.

The AGO is managing the process of obtaining stakeholder views on the regulatory proposal, which if endorsed by the MCE, will result in an amendment to state and territory legislation removing from sale products that do not meet these standards.

The AGO will accept written submissions from stakeholders until close of business Friday, 29 July 2005 on any of the issues raised in the document. The AGO proposes to provide the MCE with a report summarising submissions together with a revision of these documents in late August 2005.

Please address your written submissions to:

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Please use this opportunity to comment on the regulatory proposal.

Yours faithfully

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Mr Shane Holt
Chair
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Energy Efficiency Committee
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