



Australian Government
Department of the Environment and Heritage
Australian Greenhouse Office

Dear Stakeholder

**INCREASED MINIMUM ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MEPS)
FOR SINGLE PHASE ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS FROM 1 APRIL 2006**

I wish to inform you that the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) has endorsed the proposal to accelerate the implementation of the second round of minimum energy performance standards (Stage II MEPS) for single phase room air conditioners. This proposal evolved in response to a call from several industry groups in mid 2004.

The Equipment Energy Efficiency Committee (EEEC) undertook extensive consultations with stakeholders to determine the most cost-effective course including releasing several Regulatory Impact Statements (RISs) on Stage II MEPS.

The MCE accepted recommendations to bring forward the implementation date of Stage II MEPS for single phase air conditioners by 18 months, from 1 October 2007 to 1 April 2006. State, Territory and New Zealand government officials will now implement the regulations to ensure that products manufactured or imported into Australia after 1 April 2006, that do not meet these new standards, will not be able to be sold in Australia.

Should you want further information or clarification on the decision-making process, please contact the MCE Secretariat on (02) 6213 6102 or Shane Holt, Chair EEEC on (02) 6274 1825. Should you want further information on any regulatory matters (including registrations), please contact any of the Regulators (contact details are listed at www.energyrating.gov.au/reg.html).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SHANE HOLT'.

Mr Shane Holt
Chair
Equipment Energy Efficiency Committee
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