

Dear GEMS Review Team,

I wish to make a submission relating to point 2 of the terms of reference:

2. Improvements that could be made to the operation of the GEMS Act, including any costs and impacts on stakeholders. a. Particular attention should be given to improvements that will lead to an increased reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

It is our submission that the efficiency of the review of applications could be greatly enhanced by extending the capability to review GEMS applications to JAS-ANZ accredited Certification Assessment Bodies (CABs). The CABs already certify electrical products for electrical safety and can develop the necessary expertise to review applications. Most reviews by JAS-ANZ CABs for electrical safety are completed within 5 working days and extending this capability to energy efficiency standards is sought after by clients in Australia and around the world.

It is possible that the GEMS act already allows for this capability, but if not, the change would be justified by an enormous improvement in service delivery to all stakeholders.

*Best regards*

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