

Building Regulation News Update

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MANDATORY DISCLOSURE OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Public Consultation on RIS and Regulation Document

CONSULTATION FORUM – HOBART 16 FEB 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this News Update is to advise that a Public Consultation Forum on the Mandatory Disclosure of Commercial Office Energy Efficiency regulatory documents will be held in Hobart on 16 February 2009.

Background

The Australian Government is working with State and Territory Governments through the National Framework for Energy Efficiency (NFEE) to develop a new nationally consistent mandatory disclosure scheme for commercial office building energy efficiency. The scheme will require the energy efficiency of commercial office buildings to be disclosed at the point of sale or lease so that potential buyers and tenants can compare the energy efficiency of buildings on a 'like for like' basis. The key objectives of the new scheme will be to overcome market impediments and ensure that both parties in a transaction have access to credible and meaningful information about a building's energy efficiency. A Consultation Regulation Impact Statement and Consultation Regulation Document on the new initiative have been released for public comment. The Australian Government is seeking comments from all interested parties. Public forums are planned to be held to engage the industry in the development of this important policy initiative. The public consultation period for these documents closes on 27 February 2009.

The Hobart Forum:

The Hobart Forum will be held at the Bellerive Yacht Club, 64 Cambridge Road, Bellerive, from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm on 16 February 2009. The session will include two Power Point presentations from the consultants on the RIS and RD followed by about 30 mins for questions from the floor.

To reserve your place at the Hobart Forum please contact Terri King at the Building Control Branch of WST, telephone 6233 7692 or email Terri.King@justice.tas.gov.au

For more information:

Copies of the Consultation RIS and Regulation Document can be viewed at the Department of Water, Environment, Heritage and the Arts website: www.environment.gov.au/buildings