



Compliance with COAG Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) Requirements: 2016-17

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) publishes COAG Regulation Impact Statements (RISs) and the OBPR's assessment of COAG RISs on its website as soon as practicable after a regulatory announcement is made, in consultation with the relevant Council, Forum or national standard-setting body (NSSB). Consequently, the RIS status is aggregated by Council, Forum or NSSB and is also reported 'live' in the following tables.

At the end of the 2016-17 financial year, 10 COAG RISs were assessed as compliant with the COAG RIS requirements for the 2016-17 period. One decision did not comply with the COAG best practice regulation requirements to prepare a RIS for consultation or for the final decision.

Compliance with the COAG RIS requirements 2013-14 to 2016-17

Stage	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%
Consultation stage ^a	7/8	88	8/8	100	13/14	93	10/11	91%
Decision-making stage	7/8	88	8/8	100	11/14	78.5	10/11	91%

COAG Consultation RISs published 2013-14 to 2016-17

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Consultation RISs published ^a	11	10	9	8

^a The consultation stage figures relate to those decisions at the consultation stage for a which a corresponding decision RIS at the decision-making stage has been announced.

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Detailed information

Australian Building Codes Board

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Automatic Fire Suppression Systems for Covered Balconies in Residential Buildings	June 2016 ^a	Yes	Yes	Yes

Consider options to mandate automatic fire suppression systems for covered balconies over 25 meters in effective height.

^a The decision for this proposal was made in 2015–16, however the RIS was published on the OBPR's website in 2016–17.

Disability Reform Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework	2 Sept 2016	Yes	Yes	Yes

Provide national consistent protections for participants in the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Education Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Changes to the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care	January 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

Improvements to the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Energy Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Gas Market Reform: Binding Arbitration Framework	14 Dec 2016	No	No	No ^b

Introduce a compulsory arbitration framework for gas pipeline access.

^b A COAG RIS was not prepared, for consultation or decision, contrary to the COAG Principles and Guidelines.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Lupin as an Allergen	9 March 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

Regulate food containing lupin as an allergen.

Law, Crime and Community Safety Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Precursor Chemicals and Equipment	21 Oct 2016	Yes	Yes	Yes

Improve the national consistency of controls on precursor chemicals and equipment.

National Transport Commission

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
2014 Heavy Vehicle Charges Determination	9 May 2014 ^a	Yes	Yes	Yes

Agreement to introduce new charging arrangements for heavy vehicles.

^aThe decision for this proposal was made in 2013–14, however the RIS was published on the OBPR's website in 2016–17.

Safe Work Australia

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Explosives Regulation in Australia	October 2016	Yes	Yes	Yes

Agreement to develop nationally consistent approaches to four areas within existing explosives regulation: the definition of explosives, the licensing framework, notification processes and the explosives authorisation process.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Improvements to the Model Work Health and Safety Laws	2 May 2014 ^b	Yes	Yes	Yes

Agreement to changes to the model Work Health and Safety Laws.

^bThe decision for this proposal was made in 2013–14, however the RIS was published on the OBPR's website in 2016–17.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Managing the Risks Associated with Lead in the Workplace	17 Jan 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

Review of the current toxicological information and overseas trends in the regulation of lead in the workplace in order to reduce adverse health outcomes caused by exposure to lead in the workplace.

Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
National Injury Insurance Scheme: Motor Vehicle Accidents	March 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

Agreement to implement a National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) for people who have been catastrophically injured in motor vehicle accidents.

Appendix A – COAG RISs published for consultation in 2016-17

Proposal	Decision-making body	Closing date
New South Wales Container Deposit Scheme	NSW Environment Protection Agency	21 June 2017
A National Consumer Protection Framework For Online Wagering In Australia	Department of Social Services	16 June 2017
Application of Temperature Control Requirements for Heated Water	Australian Building Codes Board	21 April 2017
Measures to improve the energy efficiency of residential and commercial lighting	COAG Energy Council	24 Feb 2017
Measures to improve the energy efficiency of pool pumps for residential use	COAG Energy Council	20 Jan 2017
Cost effectiveness of mandatory installation of fire hose reels in new office buildings	Australian Building Codes Board	16 Dec 2016
Review of the model WHS Regulations for diving work	Safe Work Australia	30 Sept 2016
Review of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	5 Aug 2016

New South Wales Container Deposit Scheme (*NSW Environment Protection Agency*)

The New South Wales Environment Protection Agency released a COAG consultation RIS examining a permanent exemption from mutual recognition arrangements for the NSW Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). The NSW CDS laws impose certain requirements on the sale of beverages that are not required in other jurisdictions or New Zealand that do not have a CDS, which may be inconsistent with the Commonwealth mutual recognition laws.

Published: 15 June 2017

A National Consumer Protection Framework for online wagering in Australia (*Department of Social Services*)

Department of Social Services (DSS) released a consultation RIS on the National Consumer Protection Framework for online wagering in Australia (The Framework). The Framework will seek to put in place nationally-consistent consumer protection measures for individuals using licensed online wagering products in Australia.

Published: 19 May 2017

Application of temperature control requirements for heated water (*Australian Building Codes Board*)

The Australian Building Codes Board released a COAG Consultation RIS examining current requirements for temperature control when replacing waterheaters in private residences to further reduce the risk of scalding injuries and fatalities.

Published: 9 March 2017

Energy efficiency of residential and commercial lighting (*COAG Energy Council*)

The COAG Energy Council released a COAG Consultation RIS examining the adequacy of existing regulations on incandescent and halogen lamps, self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamps, double-capped fluorescent lamps and ballasts for fluorescent lamps. It also considers placing mandatory minimum energy performance requirements on light emitting diode (LED) lamp technology and non-integrated commercial luminaires.

Published: 17 January 2017

Proposal to increase energy efficiency of pool pumps for residential use (*COAG Energy Council*)

The COAG Energy Council released a COAG Consultation RIS examining options to improve the energy efficiency of residential pool and spa pumps.

Published: 16 January 2017

Fire hose reels in office buildings (*Australian Building Codes Board*)

The Australian Building Codes Board released a COAG Consultation RIS assessing the need for fire hose reels in new offices buildings.

Published: 13 January 2017

Review of the model WHS Regulations for diving work (*Safe Work Australia*)

Safe Work Australia released a COAG Consultation RIS on the model Work Health and Safety Regulations for diving work.

Published: 16 September 2016

Review of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care)

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care released a consultation RIS for a review of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards. These standards are applicable to all health service organisations and have been used to assess all hospital and day procedure services since January 2013.