



COAG Regulation Impact Statement status: 2017-18

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In the financial year 2017-18, all 7 COAG RISs spanning the consultation and decision making phase were finalised and assessed as compliant; another 14 COAG consultation RISs were published for consultation.

Compliance with the COAG RIS requirements 2014-15 to 2017-18

Stage	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%
Consultation stage ^a	8/8	100	13/14	93	10/11	100	7/7	100
Decision-making stage	8/8	100	11/14	78.5	10/11	100	7/7	100

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

COAG Consultation RISs prepared 2014-15 to 2017-18

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Consultation RISs prepared ^a	10	9	8	14

^a These numbers represent all Consultation RISs that were prepared and published in the relevant financial year.

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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Decorative alcohol fuelled devices	10 Jul 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

New safety standard for freestanding and fixed alcohol fuelled devices to meet stability tests, require a fuel container with a flame arrester (or an automatic fuel pump system) to be applied, and include display warnings on the device about refuelling hazards. The standard will further prevent the supply of table top ethanol burner devices as per 15 July 2017.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Domestic Commercial Vessel Survey Regime	31 Jan 2018	Yes	Yes	Yes

Changes to the vessel survey requirements to better align the survey frequency with the risk on individual vessel basis, provide for greater flexibility to reduce the number of out-of-water surveys required and allow surveys to be more easily aligned with other vessel maintenance activities.

Council of Australian Governments

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
New South Wales Container Deposit Scheme	2 Nov 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

The NSW Government sought to implement a Container Deposit Scheme to reduce the amount of litter from beverage containers. As the NSW Container Deposit Scheme laws may be inconsistent with the Commonwealth mutual recognition law, which allow goods that are lawfully sold in another jurisdiction or in New Zealand to be sold in NSW without any further requirements, the NSW Government sought permanent exemption from mutual recognition arrangements.

COAG Energy Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Refrigerated Display and Storage Cabinets	24 Nov 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes

The changes will increase Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) for commercial refrigerated display cabinets and refrigerated storage cabinets to harmonise with MEPS levels adopted by Europe in 2017. In addition, the changes will result in adopting international test standards and provide consumers with accessible and comparable information on refrigerated commercial cabinet energy efficiency.

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Household refrigerators and freezers	24 Nov 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes
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The changes will increase Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) for household refrigerators and freezers to harmonize with MEPS levels adopted by the United States in 2014. In addition, the changes will result in adopting international test standards, rather than the current regional specific Australian and New Zealand test standards, and provide consumers with more representative and comparable information on the in-home energy efficiency of refrigerators and freezers.

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Improve lighting energy efficiency regulation	20 Apr 2018	Yes	Yes	Yes
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The COAG Energy Council agreed to further improve lighting energy efficiency regulation by phasing out inefficient halogen light bulbs in Australia and introducing minimum standards for LED light bulbs in Australia and New Zealand in line with European Union (EU) standards. The phase out will remove remaining incandescent light bulbs and a range of halogen light bulbs from the Australian market, where an equivalent LED light bulb is available. Timing of the new regulation will align with revised EU minimum standards that will apply to LED light bulbs (planned for September 2020).

Department of Health

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
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Review of the National Safety and Quality Health Standards	30 Jan 2018	Yes	Yes	Yes
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The National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards are designed to protect the public from harm and to improve the quality of health care for consumers. The second edition of these standards addresses gaps identified in the first edition, including mental health and cognitive impairment, health literacy, end-of-life care and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. This version also streamlines the standards while making them clearer and easier to implement.

Appendix A - RISs prepared for consultation in 2017-18

The following COAG consultation RISs have been published for consultation during the current financial year.

Proposal	Decision-making body	Closing date
Ticket Reselling	Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs	15 Dec 2017
Paper Billing	Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs Consumer Affairs Australia	22 Dec 2017
Australian Capital Territory Container Deposit Scheme	Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate	9 Feb 2018
National Phase Out of Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	Department of the Environment and Energy	26 Feb 2018
Accessible adult change facilities in public building	The Australian Building Codes Board	13 Apr 2018
Fire safety in new Class 2 and Class 3 residential buildings	The Australian Building Codes Board	13 Apr 2018
Energy efficiency for residential buildings: Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) heating and cooling load limits	The Australian Building Codes Board	20 Apr 2018
Energy efficiency of commercial buildings	The Australian Building Codes Board	20 Apr 2018
Consumer guarantee framework amendments	Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs	23 Apr 2018
Quad Bike Safety	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	4 May 2018
Gift Card Expiry Dates	Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs	30 May 2018
Pregnancy warning labels on packaged alcoholic beverages	Australian and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation	14 June 2018
Safety assurance for automated driving systems	National Transport Commission	9 July 2018
National Energy Guarantee	COAG Energy Council	20 July 2018

Ticket Reselling (*Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs*)

The Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs released a COAG Consultation RIS exploring possible options to reduce consumer detriment arising from ticket reselling for live performance and sporting events in Australia.

Published: 16 November 2017

Paper Billing (*Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs*)

The Department of the Treasury released on behalf of the Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs a COAG Consultation RIS exploring possible options to improve outcomes and protections for consumers who pay paper billing fees.

Published: 21 November 2017

Australian Capital Territory Container Deposit Scheme (*Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate*)

The Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government has released COAG Consultation RIS examining permanent exemption from mutual recognition arrangements for the ACT Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

Published: 15 December 2017

National Phase Out of Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (*Department of the Environment and Energy*)

The Department of the Environment and Energy released a COAG Consultation RIS proposing a national approach to manage PFOS chemicals to minimise future emissions in accordance with the standards established by the Stockholm Convention.

Published: 24 October 2017

Accessible adult change facilities in public building (*The Australian Building Codes Board*)

The Australian Building Codes Board released a COAG Consultation RIS investigating the need for accessible adult change facilities in public buildings for people with disabilities.

Published: 2 March 2018

Fire safety in new Class 2 and Class 3 residential buildings (*The Australian Building Codes Board*)

The Australian Building Codes Board released a COAG Consultation RIS investigating whether the National Construction Code (NCC) Deemed-to-Satisfy (DtS) Provisions need to be revised to require fire sprinkler systems in new multi-story Class 2 and 3 residential buildings above 3 storeys in height.

Published: 2 March 2018

Energy efficiency for residential buildings: Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) heating and cooling load limits *(The Australian Building Codes Board)*

The Australian Building Codes Board released a COAG Consultation RIS investigating options to facilitate efficient energy use in both summer and winter for some new residential buildings.

Published: 2 March 2018

Energy efficiency of commercial buildings *(The Australian Building Codes Board)*

The Australian Building Codes Board released a COAG Consultation RIS examining the impact of proposed changes to the energy efficiency requirements of the National Construction Code for commercial buildings (Class 3, 5-9 buildings and common areas of Class 2 buildings).

Published: 9 March 2018

Consumer guarantee framework amendments *(Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs)*

The Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs released a COAG Consultation RIS examining possible options to amend the consumer guarantees within the Australian Consumer Law.

Published: 9 March 2018

Quad Bike Safety *(Australian Competition and Consumer Commission)*

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission released a COAG Consultation RIS examining measures to improve quad bike safety.

Published: 22 March 2018

Gift Card expiry dates *(Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs)*

The Australian Government Department of the Treasury released a COAG Consultation RIS that explored options to regulate the expiry period of retail gift cards and vouchers.

Published: 2 May 2018

Pregnancy warning labels on packaged alcoholic beverages *(Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation)*

The Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) released a COAG Consultation RIS on proposed regulatory and non-regulatory options for pregnancy warning labels on packaged alcoholic beverages. The objective of the options being considered is to provide a clear and easy to understand trigger to remind pregnant women, at both the point of sale and the potential point of consumption, to not drink alcohol.

Published: 3 May 2018

Safety assurance for automated driving systems (*National Transport Commission*)

The National Transport Commission released a COAG Consultation RIS on the risk that may arise when automated vehicles become available. The consultation RIS identifies and assesses the relative costs and benefits of options to address risks posed to the uptake of automated driving system; the consultation RIS considers the safety risks of automated driving, the risk that a lack of consumer confidence will result in a reduction or delay in the uptake of automated driving systems and the risks to suppliers of these systems through inconsistent and/or uncertain regulatory barriers to the Australian market.

Published: 15 May 2018

National Energy Guarantee (*COAG Energy Council*)

The COAG Energy Council released a COAG Consultation RIS to explore possible options for addressing climate and energy policy issues in the National Electricity Market. These options include the status quo, a National Energy Guarantee and a Physically Backed Contracts option. The Consultation RIS discusses issues around maintaining energy reliability, lowering emissions in line with international policy commitments and improving affordability.

Published: 29 June 2018