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National residential mandatory disclosure – Consultation RIS

Purpose

To advise the Commonwealth Government released a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on a proposed national scheme for the mandatory disclosure of residential buildings on 21 July 2011.

Background

The RIS identifies and evaluates several implementation models that could be used for the disclosure of a home's energy, greenhouse and water performance when homes are sold or leased.

Since 1 January 2010, in Queensland, a Sustainability Declaration (SD) has been required to be completed by the seller of a detached house, townhouse or unit. The SD must be available to a prospective buyer when a residential property is marketed for sale. The SD identifies the property's environmental and social sustainability features in the areas of energy, water, access and safety. It also provides estimates of potential annual savings that can be made by inclusion of the particular feature and in doing so, increases community awareness of the value of such features. The SD is a self-assessable two page checklist designed to be completed by the seller. It does not apply to leases.

The Queensland Government will continue to work with the Commonwealth in relation to how the proposed national scheme may impact on Queensland's current disclosure requirements.

As part of the release of the national Consultation RIS, a public consultation meeting will be held in Brisbane:

12.30pm, Friday 12 August 2011

**Brisbane Mercure
85–87 North Quay**

A webcast has also been proposed for **12pm, Monday 29 August 2011** for those in regional areas to ensure that regional Queenslanders have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on issues that are more relevant to their specific areas. Please visit the Ministerial Council on Energy webpage closer to the time to confirm date and time.

The Consultation RIS and other details can be downloaded from:
www.mce.gov.au/quicklinks/bulletins.html

Written submissions on the national Consultation RIS should be forwarded to:

- via email (preferred): residentialdisclosure@climatechange.gov.au

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Buildings and Government Energy Efficiency Branch Department of
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Submissions close on Monday 12 September 2011.

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