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Public Forum – Energy Technical and Safety Regulatory Harmonisation Workshop

In November 2007, the Commonwealth Government committed to work with State and Territory Governments and the energy supply sector to improve the consistency of state-based regulations (such as occupational health and safety requirements) that apply to the energy sector.

At its 13 June 2008 meeting, the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) agreed to establish the Energy Technical and Safety Leaders Group (the Leaders Group) to develop the Energy Technical and Safety Regulation Harmonisation Enhancement Plan.

The Leaders Group has developed the *Draft Energy Technical and Safety Harmonisation Enhancement Plan* (Draft Plan) and an associated consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers. The Draft Plan proposes recommendations and options for achieving a harmonised legislative framework within which State and Territory energy supply industry technical and safety regulation will operate.

The Leaders Group has released the Draft Plan and RIS for public consultation with written submissions due by close of business Friday 9 October 2009 – see MCE Bulletin 165.

The Leaders Group invites stakeholders to attend a public forum on Thursday 15 October to discuss and provide feedback on the consultation documents and written submissions. The forum is intended to assist the Leaders Group in consolidating feedback and provide stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss issues raised through the process in detail. Feedback from this public forum and the written submissions will be used to inform the development of the Final Plan.

An agenda and the public written submissions will be circulated to registered participants.

Forum details

MELBOURNE

Date: 15 October 2009

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: Hilton Melbourne Airport

If you would like to attend this forum, please register by email to MCETechnicalReform@ret.gov.au by COB 7 October 2009

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