

Computer and TV Recycling Regulations Released for Comment

Practical Product Stewardship Solutions Australia inches forward yet again during the long process to introduce Extended Producer Responsibility policies and regulations for end-of-life TVs and computers. This positive step heralds one of the key final steps before the national take-back Scheme commences in early 2012.

An exposure draft of the Product Stewardship (Televisions and Computers) Regulations 2011 was released today (12 September 2011) for a short public consultation phase which will end on 10 October 2011. Written submissions are invited and public meetings have been scheduled across the country to allow interested stakeholders to participate in the process of shaping the final Regulations.

The public consultation meetings will also provide an opportunity for interested parties to better understand the details of National Television and Computer Product Stewardship Scheme. The objectives of the consultation process are to:

- Gather stakeholder feedback to ensure the proposed Regulations are appropriate;- Ensure the government has a comprehensive understanding of potential impacts and implications associated with the proposed Regulations, and-
- Improve awareness among stakeholders of the Scheme, especially for those who will have obligations under the proposed Regulations.

In addition, the public meetings aim to provide an opportunity for a broad range of stakeholders to seek clarification on the exposure draft of the Regulations to better inform their formal submissions and how they might participate in the Scheme.

A copy of the draft Regulations is available on the Australian Government website, as is comprehensive information about public meetings and the National Television and Computer Product Stewardship Scheme.

WSP's Product and Service Sustainability Practice is strategically placed to support all of your activities when it comes to Product Stewardship and EPR.

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Don't hesitate to talk with John Gertsakis at WSP Environment and Energy (Mobile 0409 422 089) if you have any queries or questions about the Product Stewardship Act and the associated Regulations for Televisions and Computers.

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