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Draconian LED light bulb registration rules will reduce energy savings

“Constructive discussions were held today between the Honourable Nick Duigan MLA, Tasmanian Minister for Energy and the peak body for lighting in Australia, Lighting Council Australia, regarding proposed high-cost registration rules for LED light bulbs that will reduce energy savings, increase consumer prices and reduce consumer choice”, said David Crossley – National Technical Manager, Lighting Council Australia.

“Unfortunately, the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is on track to reverse LED energy savings”, said Mr Crossley.

“Despite three recommendations contained in the review into the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Act specifically highlighting that the regulator should ease the regulatory burden on LED suppliers, this Commonwealth Government department is pushing ahead with its complex, high-cost, registration rules”, said Mr Crossley.

“The GEMS Act allows the regulator freedom to stipulate registration requirements. Simple and streamlined registration rules are possible to implement”, said Mr Crossley.

“It is important to note these complex registration rules will not improve the efficiency of LEDs but will have the opposite effect by stalling the voluntary LED innovation trajectory that is delivering increasing savings to consumers”, said Mr Crossley.

“LED suppliers will halt further innovation under exorbitant Government fees”, highlighted Mr Crossley.

DCCEEW is in the final stages of preparing a Ministerial Determination to regulate LED light bulbs under the GEMS Act and is expected to present their proposal to energy ministers early in 2024. Lighting Council Australia is asking Commonwealth and State Government Ministers to seek simplified registration rules.

“Poor outcomes for consumers could easily be averted if the registration rules are simplified”, highlighted Mr Crossley.

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