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Independent review of the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme

The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme has been in operation for five years and is now due for mandatory review under the terms of its legislation.

An independent consultant, Dr Chris Guest, has been engaged to lead the review, and is now calling for public submissions on the WELS scheme review. The closing date for submissions is 7 May 2010.

The Discussion Paper, including further information about the Review process can be found via this link:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/wels-review/index.html>

The Institute of Plumbing Australia supports the wider Industry view that all products submitted for registration in the WELS Scheme shall have prior approval under WaterMark.

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From the World Plumbing Council:

WPC launches Education and Training Scholarship for 2010

The World Plumbing Council is pleased to invite applications for its 2010 Education and Training Scholarship. The Scholarship (which has been renamed after a review) is available to anyone involved in plumbing industry education and training. The award for 2010, which is worth a maximum of US\$10,000, will enable the successful applicant to travel to another country to investigate aspects of industry education and training.

WPC Chairman, Robert Burgon commented: "The WPC has previously awarded six Scholarships which have allowed individuals involved in industry training to travel to a range of countries and see how industry training is managed. We have reviewed the terms of the award and believe that this significant Scholarship should lead to benefits for industry education and training worldwide. We look forward to receiving a good number of quality applications before the closing date of 31 July 2010."

For further information and to download an application form visit www.worldplumbing.org



National Occupational Licensing System - PGOIAC

Plumbing and Gasfitting Occupations Interim Advisory Committee

Communiqué on Progress

National Occupational Licensing System

Plumbing and Gasfitting Occupations Interim Advisory Committee

At its second meeting held on 23 & 24 March 2010, the Plumbing and Gasfitting Occupations Interim Advisory Committee (PGOIAC) considered the first of six interrelated policy elements for the national occupational licensing system: licence structure and scope. The PGOIAC considered options for licence categories, scopes of work, and licence types.

Further work on existing restricted licences and endorsements has been commissioned from plumbing and gasfitting regulators. The need to avoid duplication in relation to work involved in both licensing and the incorporation of plumbing into the Australia Building Code was discussed. Further advice on the definition of Type A and Type B gas appliances has also been sought from regulators and industry.

Members also discussed descriptions of the work regulated by licence categories (scope of work) to ensure that they are inclusive enough to enable discussion of eligibility requirements for different licence categories at their next meeting scheduled for early June 2010.

Details of the proposed structure and scope of plumbing and gasfitting occupations' licences will be made available after the third meeting of the PGOIAC in June. At that meeting, the committee will consider licence eligibility, and it is expected that this work will influence the recommendations about development of the licence structure and scope.

National Occupational Licensing System (NOLS) - Consultation Paper - Public Register

Please be advised that a consultation paper on the public register is now available on the National Licensing website for comment.

<https://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/COAGNL/Home>.

The NOLS legislation will provide for the National Occupational Licensing Authority to maintain information on licensees and make available a public register of licensee information. Publicly available information will be a subset of the full information collected by regulators for their management of licensing information. The paper does not discuss this broader level of information.

Please note that the paper was uploaded onto the website on 5 March 2010 and the timeframe for feedback has been extended to COB Friday, 23 April 2010. Submissions should be emailed to info@coagskillstaskforce.gov.au.

Security of Payments Legislation for Tasmania:

Tasmania has recently introduced the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payments Act 2009 (BCISPA) following similar legislation in other Australian States and Territories.

To assist Industry Workplace Standards Tasmania are offering free training for building and construction industry practitioners on the operation of the BCISPA in May 2010. Parties wishing to book a seat should complete the online form under Education and Training at www.wst.tas.gov.au/building or phone 1300 366 322

Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 – Melbourne:

Once again the IPA will be at Designbuild 2010 and The Plumbing Show to be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 23 to 25 June 2010. For those of you planning to visit Melbourne at that time keep Thursday 24 free to attend both the Show and the IPA Australian National Plumbing Forum 2010 with the theme of:

Sharing experiences in water conservation

Programme and Registration details will be made available early 2010.

Your input into this Newsletter and other IPA matters is always welcome and in fact sort after. If you are not already a member why not join and really help us provide a voice for plumbers and plumbing. Simply email the Secretary below.

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