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Feedback on the draft Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2022

I am an environmental health professional but wish to comment on the draft POEO (Clean Air) Regulation 2022 as a concerned citizen because I am troubled about the negative impact that poor air quality has on human health, in particular the increased mortality associated with fine particle exposure and the lifelong adverse effects of asthma and reduced lung function. I have personally seen the health effects in members of my family who suffer from asthma, and just as dangerous are the more insidious health impacts caused by poor air quality such as cardiovascular disease. This has been documented in several Australian and international studies.

The proposed Clean Air Regulation provides an opportunity to bring the standards that we hold major air polluters such as coal fired power stations accountable to in line with internationally acceptable standards that strive to put human health first.

Technology currently exists that can be employed to reduce the amount of toxic pollutants that are released into the air we all breathe; the only thing preventing it from being immediately used in NSW is the lack of regulation requiring them.

I would like to see the NSW clean air laws tighten pollution standards to follow international best practice in order to protect public health and be in line with *WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines*. I would also like the Regulation to require more stringent emission limits commence immediately rather than delay until 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Oakman

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[BULK] Take the Survey Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Take the Survey through your NSW Environment Protection Authority website.

Name

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Which stakeholder group best describes you?

General public

Do you support extending the summer petrol volatility period from 15 November - 15 March to 1 November - 31 March?

strongly support

Do you support requiring older operations at EPA licensed industrial premises to meet the more stringent emission standards that apply to newer activities and plant?

strongly support

Do you support the transition period (by 2025 to 2030) for these older activities and plant to meet more stringent emission limits?

strongly oppose

Comments

I strongly support a transition period that commences immediately rather than in 2025.

Do you support expanding the geographic area in which controls apply for the storage and transfer of volatile organic liquids to include the greater Newcastle and Wollongong metropolitan areas, so they are included in the area that requires petrol vapours to be captured during transfer of petrol between underground storage tanks and road tankers (the stage one zone in the Clean Air Regulation)?

strongly support

Do you support the proposed new tightened emission limits and control

requirements for all volatile organic liquid storage tanks, loading plant and tank vehicles regardless of age?

strongly support

What do you think are the most important sources of air pollution to address in Sydney?

Air pollution from engines which have weak emissions standards, specifically cars, trucks. Hazard reduction burning. Wood burning heaters.

What do you think are the most important sources of air pollution to address in Wollongong?

Steelworks and coal storage at Port Kembla (coal is not covered and fine coal dust is blown into my home). Hazard reduction burning.