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PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

NEPM Details

Title: National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure

Made by Council: 26 June 1998

Commencement Date: 8 July 1998 (advertised in *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* No GN 27, 8 July 1998, p 2211)

NEPM Goal (or purpose)

The goal of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure is set out in clause 6 of the Measure as follows:

6. National environment protection goal

The National Environment Protection Goal of this Measure is to achieve the National Environment Protection Standards as assessed in accordance with the monitoring protocol (Part 4) within ten years from commencement to the extent specified in Schedule 2 column 5.

Desired Environmental Outcomes

The desired environmental outcome of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure is set out in clause 5 of the Measure as follows:

5. Desired environmental outcome

The desired environmental outcome of this Measure is ambient air quality that allows for the adequate protection of human health and well-being.

Evaluation Criteria

The assessment of the effectiveness of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure is based on the following criteria:

General Criteria (Specified in the NEPC Implementation Reporting Protocol)

- progress in implementing the NEPM
- compliance by parties bound by the NEPM with NEPM protocols and/or other NEPM reporting requirements

- progress toward achievement of the NEPM goal, the desired environmental outcomes and any NEPM standards
- issues arising that reflect on the efficiency and simplicity of NEPM administration.

Specific Criteria

The NEPM requires that jurisdictions must report against the following specific criteria:

- monitoring, assessment and reporting of compliance with the standards specified in the Measure must be conducted in accordance with clause 18 of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure which states that such reports must include:
 - (a) the evaluations and assessments of performance against the NEPM standards and goal as required by clause 17 of the NEPM
 - (b) an analysis of the extent to which the standards of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure are, or are not, being met in the jurisdiction
 - (c) a statement of the progress towards meeting the goal of the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure.

Clause 18 also specifies reporting should include:

- the description of the circumstances which led to exceedences, including the influence of natural events and fire management, must be reported to the extent that such information can be determined
- the percentage of data available in the reporting period for a pollutant
- jurisdictions are also encouraged to report on 'Future Action' commitments set out in the revised impact statement for the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure (p.ix).