

Product Emissions Standards for outdoor power equipment and marine engines

# Operations Plan 2018 to 2021



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## Purpose of this Plan

This plan outlines how the Department of the Environment and Energy will support the effective delivery of the product emissions standards for outdoor power equipment and marine engines.



#### This plan includes:

- ✓ Legislative and regulatory frameworks supporting the emissions standards
- ✓ The operational environment the Department works within
- ✓ The emissions standards risk profile
- ✓ Tools that support staff to deliver the emissions standards
- ✓ Governance that guides and oversees the emissions standards
- √ Timing for delivering the emissions standards



## Our legislative goals

- ✓ to set standards to limit and reduce emissions from certain products
- ✓ to achieve either or both of the following:
  - » help maintain and improve air quality, human health and the environment
  - » assist in giving effect to Australia's obligations under one or more of the Climate Change Conventions.

#### Our objectives

- ✓ maintain and improve air quality, human health and the environment by reducing the emissions from outdoor petrol powered equipment and marine engines
- ✓ ensure any emission-reduction measures provide for a consistent national approach and are commensurate with international trade requirements and accepted international standards
- ✓ ensure that any approach provides a net benefit to the community and meets the objectives of the Australian Government's regulation reform agenda by minimising the impact and costs on business to the extent possible.



The Department strives to be an effective, responsive and trusted regulator.

# Our regulatory principles

- ✓ regulatory responses will be consistent, efficient and proportionate to the risk
- √ decisions and actions will be informed by evidence
- ✓ decisions will be fair, reasonable, respectful and reliable
- ✓ we will be transparent and accountable for our decisions and actions
- ✓ we will monitor, review and report on our effectiveness
- ✓ we will continue to improve the way we regulate
- ✓ we will engage to listen, learn and respond.

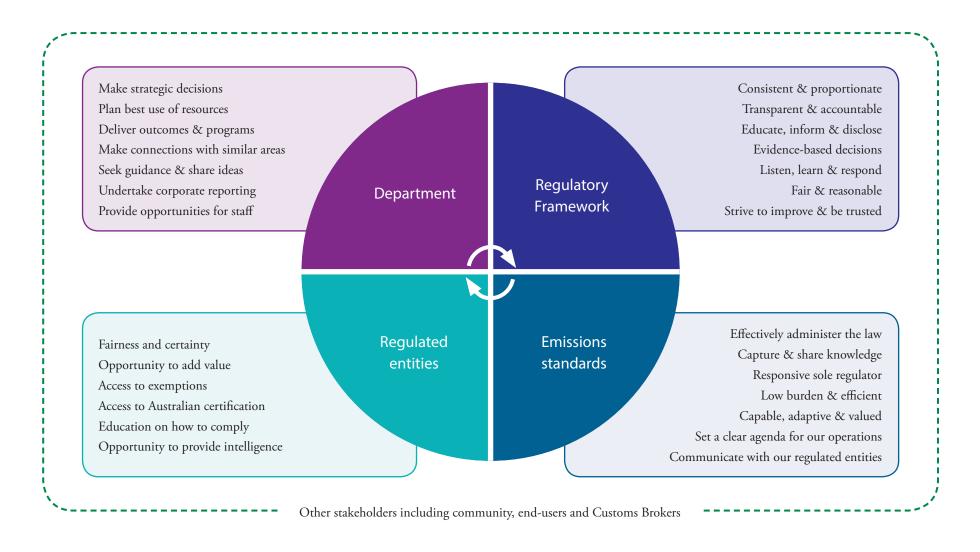
# Our legislative framework

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# Our operating environment

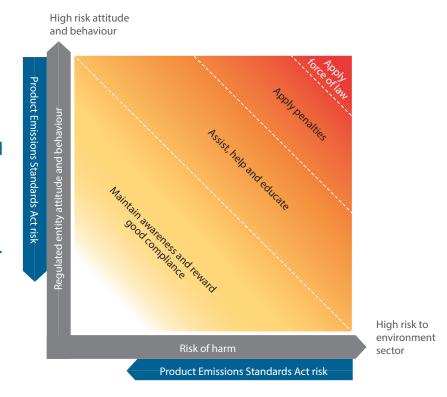


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## We take a risk-based approach

The Department takes a risk-based approach to managing the emissions standards. Our response will be proportionate to risk, severity and attitude. We will look for ways to reduce regulatory burden and focus our efforts on education and awareness raising to help our regulated entities understand their obligations.

- ✓ the regulatory arrangement is streamlined and draws on international best practice.
- ✓ the Department is the sole regulator and works in partnership with the Department of Home Affairs to identify importers.
- ✓ responsible industry are willing to comply and are engaged in the design and delivery of the emissions standards.
- √ focus on ongoing awareness and education will support compliance.
- ✓ products are identified at the border at a regular frequency.
- ✓ emissions standards and labelling makes it easy to identify
  which products are allowed and which are not.
- ✓ the Department is committed to continuous monitoring and improvement.



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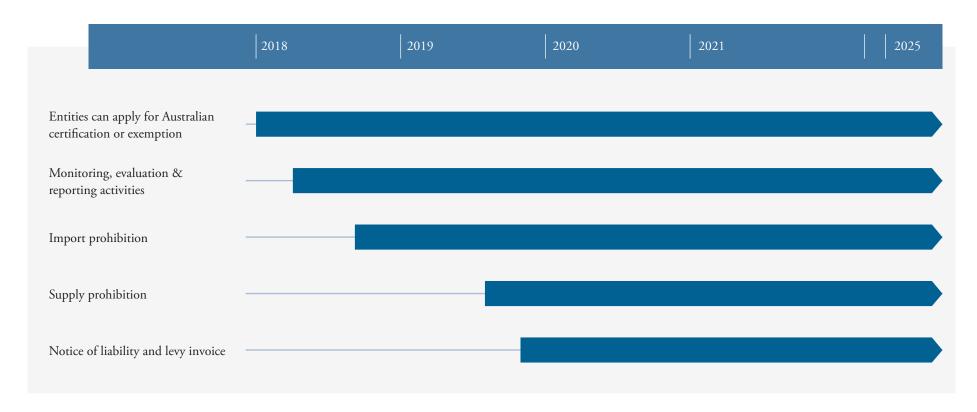
## Tools that help us

#### Governance **Operational** Risk Information **Financial** monitoring, **Workforce Communication Compliance Technology &** assessment & evaluation & planning management management Data reporting Approach, Effective Getting the Activities are Accountability Understanding IT systems objectives & coherent. right people which support and transparency and managing monitoring, with the right timeframes for in how we recover uncertainty consistent & operations, evaluation and proportionate reporting on capabilities communicating costs and how to ensure the assessment & information with clearly emissions in the right expenditure performance of analysis directly relates about the defined roles standards achieves place at the the emissions emissions and focussed to managing their objectives standards right time the emissions standards on education operations while standards & awareness promoting raising continuous improvement **Risk-based approach**

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# Delivering the emissions standards



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