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CAANZ consultation on 'unsafe' and 'reasonable durability' draft guidance

Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) seeks your views on draft guidance on the concepts of 'durability' and 'unsafe' under the consumer guarantees provisions of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). CAANZ is Australia's principal national forum for government policy, enforcement cooperation and coordination in respect of consumer affairs. It is composed of senior officers of Commonwealth, state, territory and New Zealand government agencies responsible for consumer affairs and fair trading.

The intention of this guidance is to provide greater clarity to businesses and consumers on the meaning of 'unsafe' and 'reasonable durability' within these consumer guarantees provisions and assist them in applying these concepts in their day-to-day business.

In 2016, CAANZ conducted a review of the ACL and invited feedback from stakeholders on its operation. During the review, some stakeholders advised CAANZ that they were unsure of the meaning of 'unsafe' and 'reasonably durable' under the consumer guarantees regime. In response to these submissions, the final ACL review report released in March 2017 recommended that CAANZ publish guidance on the meaning of these terms.

This draft guidance material sets out general principles, supported by examples, to assist the sector in understanding its obligations under the ACL.

Responses opened on 24 January 2019 and close 15 February 2019.

GAMAA members can access the relevant draft guidance reports [here](#)

GAMAA suggests members read and understand the implications contained in these guideline drafts.

GAMAA would be happy to collate member's concerns and time permitting address them with CAANZ, mindful the closing date for comments is 15 February. Send relevant comments to info@gamaa.asn.au

Hydrogen opportunity is worth a bet

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"Hydrogen is already a vital part of Australia's fertiliser and explosives production, but it is likely to grow much more important as the global economy decarbonizes in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Hydrogen has potential to play a big role in taking emissions out of transport, synthetic fuels, chemistry and steelmaking, and provide seasonal-scale energy storage too. Any of these opportunities would imply a large expansion from current global hydrogen production and would also require substantial increases either in clean electricity or in carbon capture and storage".

"The opportunities for an Australian hydrogen supply chain and associated industries could be colossal. But there is much uncertainty in timing and pathways. It is hard to predict the speed with which the world pursues emissions goals and the future performance of hydrogen alternatives like batteries and biofuels. There is a strong role for public investment and public-private partnerships to foster experience and establish the foundations for growth should conditions prove as favourable as they appear".

Read full media release [here](#)

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