

Appendix 1: Further Information on Air Quality Regulations and Targets

The Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997

The Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997 (the Regulations) require both airport-lessee companies and airport operators, those that undertake operations on the airport, to manage the environmental impact of their activities on the airport site. One of these requirements is the management of air quality.

The Act requires leased federal airports, to develop an Environment Strategy within 12 months of lease purchase.

The Airport Environment Strategy must include: the sources of environmental impact associated with the airport operations; and the studies, review and monitoring to be carried out by the airport-lessee company in connection with this impact.

Further, the Regulations require an Airport Environment Strategy to address the following air quality issues:

- the quality of air at the airport site, and in so much of the regional air shed as is reasonably likely to be affected by airport activities;
- release, into the air, of substances that deplete stratospheric ozone; and
- usage of energy the production of which generates emissions of gases known as 'greenhouse gases'.

National Air Quality Targets

In June 1998 the National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) (the measure) for Ambient Air Quality was made with the desired outcome of ambient air quality that allows for the adequate protection of human health and well-being.

The Measure requires each participating jurisdiction to submit to a plan setting out how the jurisdiction proposes to monitor air quality for the purposes of the Measure.

A formal requirement of the Measure is the establishment of monitoring procedures and commencement of assessment and reporting, in accordance with the protocols of the Measure, within three years after its commencement.

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