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## **MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS**

Australian environment ministers note the progress on the development of a National Standard for environmental risk management of industrial chemicals. The Commonwealth and states and territories have been working collaboratively, and with close consultation with business and the community, to develop the National Standard.

The National Standard is an innovative framework that will achieve better protection of the environment and provide a nationally consistent, transparent, predictable and streamlined approach to environmental risk management of industrial chemicals for all Australians.

The Australian Government will commence drafting legislation to establish this framework for protecting the health of our environment and everything living in it.

All jurisdictions will continue to work together and consult broadly during implementation of the National Standard to ensure we deliver the best possible outcomes for governments, businesses and the community.

Further information on the National Standard is available at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/chemicals-management/national-standard>