

WELS Regulator's Statement: Transitional Arrangements for New WELS Standard

The *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Determination 2013 (No. 2)* was amended on 18 August 2016 to give effect to a new WELS standard: *AS/NZS 6400:2016 Water Efficient Products – Rating and Labelling*. The new standard includes new label designs and new requirements for promotional material for WELS products.

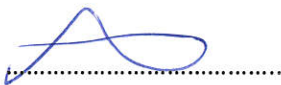
The WELS Regulator is aware that it may be difficult for industry to immediately replace all existing and planned labels and promotional material with labels and material that comply with the new standard *AS/NZS 6400:2016*.

To assist the industry to transition to compliance with the new standard, the WELS Regulator will, for the period 18 August 2016 to 21 July 2018 inclusive, exercise his discretion to not take relevant enforcement action where:

- (a) a relevant WELS product was registered on or before 14 September 2017;
- (b) the labelling of that product complies with the requirements in the previous standard, *AS/NZS 6400:2005*, as at 17 August 2016;
- (c) promotional and display material associated with that product, including product specifications, brochures, display cards, advertising, magazines, catalogues, editorials and electronic displays, complies with the requirements in *AS/NZS 6400:2005* as at 17 August 2016; and
- (d) the relevant product meets all other requirements under the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005.

In all other circumstances, the WELS Regulator expects that the requirements in the new standard will be complied with.

SIGNED:



Mr Tony Slatyer
WELS Regulator

30 September 2016