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Your Chance to Have Your Say on Strengthening the Permit Scheme

There are only a few days left to complete the survey on the implementation of two important permit schemes by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) and the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC):

- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Permit Scheme
- Fire Protection Permit Scheme.

The survey is live now and will close on **28 February 2025**.

To take the survey, click here: <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/refrigerant-and-extinguishing-agent-permit-schemes>.

As part of its commitment to continuous improvement, the department is seeking valuable feedback from permit holders and other industry stakeholders on key areas including:

- Licence application process and conditions
- ARC permit condition checks and department's compliance approach
- Communications with permit holders and equipment owners/users
- Training and qualification requirements for permit holders.

These schemes regulate the handling and trade of ozone-depleting and synthetic greenhouse gases, in line with the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995. They play a critical role in reducing emissions from regulated refrigerants and extinguishing agents, which are potent greenhouse gases.

Feedback on these areas will inform improvements to the way the department manages these permit schemes and ensure that industry practices meet high environmental and regulatory standards.

The survey will remain open until 28 February 2025. We encourage all permit holders and industry stakeholders to complete the survey before it closes. Your feedback is crucial in supporting the ongoing development and success of these permit schemes.

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