

## **NICNAS EXISTING CHEMICALS PROGRAM REVIEW**

### **RELEASE OF DISCUSSION PAPER FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A Discussion Paper outlining the proposals for reform of the Existing Chemicals assessment program was released on 27 April 2006 for public comment for a period of eight weeks, until 23 June 2006. The paper, now posted on the NICNAS website [www.nicnas.gov.au](http://www.nicnas.gov.au), is titled

#### **Promoting Safer Chemical Use: towards better regulation of chemicals in Australia**

NICNAS would like to receive comment from anyone interested in the regulation of industrial chemicals in Australia. You may have a particular interest or work in one of the following areas: public health, worker health and safety, environmental health, environmental protection, sustainability and climate change, chemicals manufacture, waste management, downstream users of chemicals, government regulation of chemicals (federal, state, territory or local) or a non-government agency. NICNAS would like to hear from people interested in industrial chemicals at any point in their life cycle, for example, from manufacture – to use – to disposal.

Public meetings are being held in each state and territory during May and early June. Dates and times will be advertised in daily newspapers and on this website.

Further opportunities for consultation will be available during the implementation of final recommendations from this review.

#### **Submission of comments**

Consultation on the regulation of existing industrial chemicals is important to ensure that the legislative framework is effective and responsive to the needs of Australian stakeholders. Please send your submission to:

**NICNAS Existing Chemicals Program Review  
GPO Box 58  
SYDNEY NSW 2001**

All submissions will be published on the NICNAS website; privacy concerns should be advised at the time of submission. Public comment will be fed back into the reform process, with the final report and recommendations to be presented to the Director, NICNAS with a view to seeking policy approval from the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP.

A questionnaire is available on the website for electronic submissions. Background information on NICNAS and the reform initiative is also available on the web site.

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