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Submission

Reducing emissions from non-road spark ignition engines and equipment

The Boating Industry Association of Victoria (BIAV) representing Victoria interest in this matter understands that the Australian Marine Industry has closely followed the International progress toward environmental standards. We have actively engaged with our Federal and State Governments on Marine Engine Emissions issues since 2005 and more recently this includes fuel evaporative standards.

BIA will continue to engage with Government and the key points of our Regulatory Impact Statement response will likely be limited to these points:

- Our industry seeks at all times to be environmentally responsible. Australia has a unique and fragile marine environment including the Great Barrier Reef and we are acutely aware of our responsibility. For example, our Clean Marinas program is a world leader.
- We agree that any emissions standard for marine engines should follow a recognised international standard and that in this case the USA EPA Standards are the most appropriate for the marine engine market in Australia. This will ensure the widest range of choice for Australian consumers and the least disruption to the market.
- We note that some of our members favour regulations to commence in 2015 and other members argue that there is no reason to delay regulations beyond the 2012 target suggested by the Commonwealth. BIAV is unable to offer advice on this matter.

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