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## Policymakers see the light on halogen lighting

Lighting Council Australia (LCA) has today commended the Federal Government for 'seeing the light' with its announcement that inefficient halogen lamps will be phased out where there is an LED equivalent available on the market.

LCA CEO Malcolm Richards said the association was very supportive of the move by Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy Jenny McAllister and that it represented a move forward in the right direction.

"Customers are becoming more and more aware of what light bulbs provide them both the best bang for their buck and are the most environmentally friendly. LED ticks both those boxes," Mr Richard said.

"LCA welcomes the announcement by the Assistant Minister to phase out inefficient halogen lamps where there is an LED alternative available on the market. It's a case of legislation keeping pace with technology.

"This is a commonsense approach to a straightforward issue, and we thank the Federal Government and the Department for listening to the industry.

"Consumers will benefit by knowing the next light bulb they purchase will be highly efficient and therefore deliver value for money. This is even more important at a time when all Australians are keeping a close eye on their energy bills."

Mr Richards said that LEDs are easily the most efficient form of lighting on the market and urged consumers to factor this in when purchasing any lighting product.

"LED lighting is 10 times more efficient than halogen or incandescent lights and up to four times more efficient than compact fluorescent bulbs,"

"LEDs are also getting more efficient as time moves on, if you purchase an LED today it's 20 per cent more efficient than one purchased five years ago. This trend will only continue as technology advances."

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