



**Media Release**

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**Emission target on track**

The Australian Government is working towards meeting its goal of a 30% reduction in harmful emissions from ozone depleting substances (ODS) and synthetic greenhouse gases (SGG) by 2030.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) continues to work closely with the Fire Protection Industry Board (FPIB) as part of its co-regulator partnership to monitor and minimise harmful emissions from ODS and SGG, currently used under strict regulations in the fire protection, air conditioning and refrigeration industries.

The partnership, through the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Program (OPSGP) focuses on educating sectors on best practices to minimise the risk of emissions, and to encourage transition to safer alternatives.

The recent 2021 release of the 2021 State of Environment Report highlighted the importance of regulating these substances to meet climate targets.

On 28 September, the Australian Government introduced amendments to the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse legislation to modernise and streamline Australia's laws to manage ozone depleting substances and synthetic greenhouse gases.

The management of these gases in advance of Montreal Protocol agreed phase down levels has been due to the collaboration with industry including requirements for technicians to be fully trained and to safely recover HFCs from old equipment through a world leading, industry funded and operated, product stewardship scheme.

As part of this collaboration and to support the co-regulatory function, the Fire Protection Industry Board meets regularly with government officials and welcomes industry sector feedback. Please provide your views via email to: [ozone@fpib.com.au](mailto:ozone@fpib.com.au)

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To read the full 2021 State of Environment Report, [click here](#). For more information regarding license types, training and discharge reporting contact the FPIB at: [ozone@fpib.com.au](mailto:ozone@fpib.com.au).

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