



Q7. Do you support the proposed workplace exposure standard (WES) for diesel particulate matter (DPM) to protect workers from the adverse health effects of exposure to diesel engine emissions (DEE)?

Yes

Q8. What are your reasons for your response to Question 1? Please provide evidence or information to support your response.

I spent a significant number of years as a diesel mechanic through the 70's - 90's. The diesel particulate exposures were of great concern but we were told they were harmless and not to worry. (They said the same to us about asbestos exposures as well).

Q9. Is there an alternative WES to DPM as respirable elemental carbon, or additional WES that should be considered to protect workers from DEE? Please provide evidence or information to support your response.

I do not have an alternative WES to DPM as respirable elemental carbon. What is proposed is a good start.

Q10. What changes would you need to make in your workplace (over and above any controls currently in place) to ensure workers and others at the workplace are not exposed to levels of DPM above the proposed WES? Please include in your response: i. a description of the control measures currently in place at your workplace(s) to minimise exposure of workers and others to DEE.ii. details of any costs to implement the WES for DPM (e.g., upgrade of ventilation systems in area X, costing approximately \$XXX).

Council would need to upgrade exhaust extraction systems in it depot facility.

Q11. Is there additional evidence or information that you think should be considered?

Consideration should be given to older style diesel vehicles, plant and equipment still in use as they create more diesel particulate matter

Q12. Are there any additional comments you would like to make?

There should also be a workers compensation scheme that recognises the illnesses from exposures to diesel

Q13. Upload your submission here: (PDF,DOC or DOCX) not answered
