Impacts of the proposed workplace exposure limits for 9 chemicals

Consultation response template

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When completing this template, select the chemical for which you want to make a response. To add responses for additional chemicals, **use the plus button (+)** at the end of the form to repeat the process.

**Chemical:** Choose an item.

**1) What policy option do you support?**

Option 1: Retain the current workplace exposure standard (WES).

Option 2: Change to the proposed workplace exposure limit (WEL).

**1a) Please explain why you support the option you have chosen.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**2) If you support Option 2, what timeframe would you consider necessary to comply with the proposed exposure limit if it was implemented?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**3) What challenges will your business, employer or industry experience if Option 2 is implemented? Where possible, please provide evidence to support your response.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**4)** **What proportion of workers use the chemical at your business or workplace?**

Less than 5%

5% – 25%

26% – 50%

51% – 75%

76% – 100%

**5) What additional controls, beyond what you currently use, will your business, employer or industry need to manage worker exposure to the chemical if the proposed WEL (Option 2) is implemented?**

If available, please provide average annual cost information and identify the type of control (i.e., isolation, engineering, administrative or personal protective equipment).

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**6) What management costs (e.g. air monitoring, occupational hygienist), beyond what you currently incur, will your business, workplace or industry need if the proposed WEL (Option 2) is implemented?**

If available, please provide average annual cost information to support your response.

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**7) What direct financial benefits would the proposed WEL (Option 2) provide if it is implemented? Where possible, please provide evidence to support your response.**

Examples of direct benefits, attributed to reduced workplace exposure to airborne contaminants include (but are not limited to):

* reduced direct compensation costs, like benefits paid directly to workers or their family,
* reduced costs paid to workers as income replacement,
* reduced medical costs, and
* reduced costs involved with a worker returning to work following occupational disease or legal costs associated with compensation related expenses.

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**8) What other quantifiable health benefits would the proposed WEL (Option 2) provide if it is implemented? Where possible, please provide evidence to support your response.**

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**9) What other indirect benefits could the proposed WEL (Option 2) provide if it is implemented? Where possible, please provide evidence to support your response.**

Examples of indirect benefits include, but are not limited to, reduced productivity losses and reduced burden on support networks (family and friends) due to occupational diseases.

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**10) What other benefits could the proposed WEL (Option 2) provide if it is implemented? Where possible, please provide evidence to support your claims.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**11) Is there any other information WHS ministers should consider in making their decision?**

Click or tap here to enter text.