

VEU water heating and space heating/cooling activities requirements

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From 6 April through to 24 April 2023 we invited submissions on the proposed changes to guidance materials, recordkeeping requirements and program forms relating to water heating and space heating and cooling activities.

Do you believe the information in the proposed decommissioning guidance material adequately sets out the steps and considerations for decommissioning a water heating product in a practical and safe manner? Does it align with industry best practice?

The current usage must be met. I have gas hot water heating and a 200l superheated tank as part of. Matching that will test anybody.

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If the advertising says free upgrade it had better be. There is false advertising at the moment with upgrades.

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Gas water heaters as with any device have a life of type. Not published anywhere to enable a planned changeover rather emergency changeover when the unit fails

Do you have suggestions for alternative or additional forms of records that could be provided to verify that an existing space heating and/or cooling product has been decommissioned in a practical and safe manner to ensure it cannot be re-used again?

I also have a gas space heater that is rarely used as I have split aircons. However, if I remove the heater there will be a hole in the fireplace and I have never seen any \$\$\$ to fill in the hole etc. hence it is available for use. No company can give me a comparison of heating efficiency of electric Vs gas! Why should I change?