

**REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION
(AMBIENT AIR QUALITY) MEASURE
AIR QUALITY STANDARDS DISCUSSION PAPER**

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The headings below have been extracted from the discussion paper. **Chapter 5: Issues to be considered in evaluation of NEPM standards** (page 140 of *AAQNEPM Review Air Quality Standards Discussion Paper*) provides further discussion on these questions.

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Q1. Is there sufficient new health evidence to support a revised standard and if so, for which pollutants?

Yes, new discoveries should be noted and possibly acted on as per the principles of science.

Q2. Does the current approach, which allows for a number of exceedences of the standard, meet the requirement for adequate protection or are there alternative methods that could provide more consistency in the level of health protection associated with complying with the NEPM standards?

Current procedures seem good until something better comes along.

Q3. Should changes be made to the reporting protocols that would lead to a greater transparency and better understanding of the causes of exceedences in jurisdictions, the potential risk to population health, and management approaches being undertaken to address these exceedences?

Keep things simple and as clear as possible without sacrificing important detail.

Q4. Any other issues you wish to raise?

Please consider an educational type preliminary suggestion for particulate that emphasizes the importance of reducing all particulate, from trivial sources like candles, barbecues, leaf blowers to recreational firepits and winter wood stoves. A considerate attitude towards others is the central idea behind society.