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Australian Industry Standards

Dear Cases for Change committee,

The Australian Institute of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating (AIRAH) appreciates the opportunity to provide input for the consultation on the UEE Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Case for Change.

AIRAH is Australia's peak membership body for professionals and practitioners working in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) industry – a hidden, yet innovative industry that is worth \$38 billion, uses more than 24 per cent of Australia's electricity and accounts for 11.5 per cent of our carbon dioxide emissions. It also employs over 298,000 people, many of whom will complete a Certificate III in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning as a pathway into the industry.

Accordingly, it is vital that this qualification is up to date and contains relevant content organised in an effective way. As the Case for Change points out, however, the current package has been updated in an ad-hoc fashion over the past 30 years, and is now in need of a comprehensive review and revision.

AIRAH wholeheartedly supports the proposal to review the Certificate III Refrigeration and Air Conditioning qualification and related units of competency in a holistic fashion.

We agree with the plan to determine the Essential Performance Capabilities (EPCs) of a refrigeration and air conditioning tradesperson and identify amendments required to existing content within the qualification to provide the required knowledge, skills and performance. This will involve the addition of some units – for example, those already identified relating to essential safety measures – but also the reorganisation of older content to align with the EPCs mentioned above. It is crucial to reorganise the content in a way that makes sense for teachers and students alike.

The project is closely aligned with AIRAH's mission to create an Australian HVAC&R industry is highly skilled and professional, safe, sustainable and environmentally effective, and has our full backing.

We look forward to supporting the project, and offer our help in providing industry input, and promoting the qualification when it is introduced.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tony Gleeson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the "Regards," text.

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