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Prioritise this: AIRAH's 2018–19 pre-Budget submission



It's the time of the year for the Institute to make its submission around priorities for the Federal Budget.

As the voice of Australia's HVAC&R industry, AIRAH has submitted recommendations to the government ahead of the 2018–19 Federal Budget.

Last September the government called for submissions from individuals, businesses and community groups seeking their views regarding priorities for the 2018–19 Budget. Just as it did for the 2017–18 Budget, AIRAH provided comprehensive and expert input from the HVAC&R sector, raising the visibility of the industry and its needs.

"Although the submission recommends increased government funding in areas such as research and training, it takes a broader approach too," says AIRAH executive manager Phil Wilkinson, F.AIRAH. "It's also about influencing policy on issues such as building codes, licencing standards and industry engagement."

AIRAH's pre-Budget submission for the 2017–18 budget paved the way for the Sydney Forum on Mid-Tier buildings. It also generated dialogue between the energy ministers and industry that fed into the Australian Sustainability Built Environment Council (ASBEC) Low Carbon High Performance report.

And it gave impetus to initiatives such as Calculating Cool – a tool for measuring HVAC&R efficiency of office buildings – and iHub, which has brought together leading universities, researchers, consultants, building owners and equipment manufacturers to create a connected research and development community in Australia.

"Last year's submission showed the value of talking to the government with a unified voice," says Wilkinson. "We hope that this year's submission will be equally successful, and will help strengthen this important space for dialogue between industry and government."

The submission makes recommendations in the areas of environment and energy; education and training; employment and industry; innovation; science; resources and northern Australia.

It focuses on AIRAH's five key policy and advocacy strategic themes: resilience, sustainability, compliance, refrigerant transition and PRIME, and innovation and research.

The Federal Budget is scheduled to be handed down on May 8. ■

Would you like to know more?

To view AIRAH's Pre-Budget Submission 2018–19 in full, go to www.airah.org.au/advocacy



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Responsibilities

My responsibilities are to develop relationships with contractors in the service/aftermarket department. This includes assisting contractors in selecting the filters required, answering questions regarding a specific product, order entry and any other general customer enquiries.

Passions

My main passion in life is organisation. Being organised is not only satisfying, it also provides me with a sense of accomplishment. In a work environment, knowing all your tasks are prioritised and paperwork is neatly sorted makes the work life a lot calmer and easy-going. Outside of work my passions are cars, AFL, clay shooting and horse racing.

Challenges

My biggest challenge in life is stepping out of my comfort zone and trying something new. Throughout my life I have stepped out of my comfort zone and given myself the confidence I have today to take on daily challenges and tasks and not second-guess myself.

Professional development

I am enrolled to undergo a course in Air Conditioning Design, which will help broaden my knowledge on how to supply the best possible air filtration for HVAC applications.

Inspiring words

The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.

Favourite destination

My favourite destination since I was little is Merimbula, New South Wales. Every year a heap of family and close friends hires out an apartment block and spend three weeks over Easter together creating memories that will last us a lifetime. ■