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Ecolibrium

Natural selection

The benefits of
biophilic design.



Coming up Trump on the phase-down

Pressure is mounting on the US President to ratify the Kigali Amendment.

Although around 40 countries have now signed up for the HFC phase-down, the US – one of the world's biggest users of HFCs – is yet to do so.

In response to this intransigence, key industry players and politicians alike have written open letters to Donald Trump, urging the POTUS to ratify the Kigali Amendment and commit to the phase-down.

“This is a critical issue for American jobs and the economy,” read a statement signed by 32 top US HVAC&R companies, including Fujitsu General, Lennox International, Danfoss, Johnson Controls, A-Gas, Daikin, The Chemours Company, and Honeywell. “Studies show that ratification of the Kigali amendment will increase US manufacturing jobs by 33,000, increase exports by \$5 billion,



Donald Trump

and improve the overall balance of trade for these products.”

These sentiments were later reinforced in another letter signed by 13 Republican senators.

“By sending this amendment to the Senate, you will help secure America's place as the global leader in several manufacturing industries, and in turn give American workers an advantage against their competitors in the international marketplace,” the letter says.

“The failure to ratify this amendment could transfer our American advantage to other countries, including China, which have been dumping outdated products into the global marketplace and our backyard.” ■

Cool schools rule

\$500 million has been allocated to improve air conditioning in New South Wales schools.

The New South Wales government will be spending \$500 million to put air conditioning in up to 1,000 schools across the state over the next five years.

Classrooms and libraries in every new and upgraded school will now be air conditioned, the government says.

The criteria for retro-fitting older schools will be changed to include factors such as humidity and classroom design.

“This funding will ensure thousands of classrooms that previously did not have air conditioning will now receive it,” says NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian.

“This is something that parents and school communities have called for, and we are the only government that can deliver this.”



NSW Premier
Gladys Berejiklian

Opposition spokesman Jihad Dib says the government resisted calls to boost school AC over the summer, when Dib's party announced plans to spend \$300 million.

“In many ways it makes me pretty proud because the government doesn't have the courage to put policy ideas out there,” he says. “They've just waited to see what the reaction is, and when they've worked out it's a really important policy, then they've followed suit.” ■



Jason Harrison, M.AIRAH, is state manager – NSW for Airmaster, and the winner of the 2018 ARBS Young Achiever Award.

Responsibilities

My responsibilities include overseeing the service delivery for the Airmaster NSW team. This includes the service and maintenance, project installations, controls and automation.

Passions

People and training. Seeing people get engaged in their role, find their passion and then begin to deliver exceptional results.

Challenges

I find mixing the new-age work life with exercise and personal life a challenge at times – mobile phones don't equal 24/7 work time.

Professional development

I view networking as one of the strongest forms of professional development that I have received. There are so many great, intelligent and experienced people within the industry, and spending time with them and asking questions has definitely helped grow me as a professional.

Inspiring words

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.”

Favourite destination

Canada. We hired a camper and drove from Vancouver to Calgary – it was a fun trip and I highly recommend it.

The future

My plans for the future involve driving new ways of using technology to engage multiple generations of employees to deliver exceptional results while being connected to their workplace in a safe and engaging way. Work needs to be a great place where people feel comfortable and integrated with technology to meet clients' needs. However, the most important part is going home to enjoy the good life outside of work. ■