

C Reviews of regulation

Table C.1 A selection of reviews in the social and economic infrastructure services sector

<i>Sector/Industry</i>	<i>Intergovernmental/COAG Agreements</i>	<i>Productivity Commission</i>	<i>National reviews</i>
Social and economic infrastructure services			
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	National water initiative.	Inquiry into waste generation and resource efficiency (2006).	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) review of energy market frameworks in light of climate change policies (current).
	Australian Energy Market Agreement 2004 (as amended), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of an Australian Energy Market Operator by July 2009. • Transfer of non-price retail regulation to the national framework. • Removal of retail price caps where there is effective retail competition. 	Inquiry into the gas access regime (2004). Commissioned study of the regulatory burden on the upstream petroleum (oil and gas) sector (2009).	Senate inquiry into the Management of Australia's Waste Streams (2008).

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Construction	Ensuring best practice regulation making and review processes apply to the Building Code of Australia and removal of state-based variations to the code.	Commissioned study into reform of building regulation (2004).	Australian Building Codes Board review of the Building Code of Australia (current).
Transport, postal and warehousing	Implementation of national rail safety legislation and a nationally consistent rail safety regulatory framework. Implementation of a maritime safety system.	Inquiry into road and rail freight infrastructure pricing (2007). Inquiry into Tasmanian freight subsidy arrangements (2007).	National aviation white paper (current).
The establishment of a national system for the prevention and management of marine pest incursions.		Inquiry into the price of regulation of air services, and subsequent review (2002 and 2007).	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government review of quality of service monitoring of airports (current). House of Representatives inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation (2008).
		Inquiry into part X of the Trade Practices Act 1974: international liner cargo shipping (2004).	DITR consultation regulatory impact statement into a national framework for regulation, registration and licensing for heavy vehicles (current).
Inquiry into economic regulation of harbour towage and related services (2003).			Senate Committee inquiry into investment of Commonwealth and state funds in public passenger transport infrastructure services (current).

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Transport, postal and warehousing (continued)			House of Representatives standing committee on infrastructure, transport, regional development and local government inquiry into the integration of regional rail and road networks and their interface with ports (2008).
			Exports and infrastructure taskforce report (2005).
			Review of Safeguards for Airports and the Communities Around Them (current).
Information media and telecommunications		Inquiry into telecommunication competition regulation (2001).	National Broadband Network discussion paper: Regulatory Reform for 21 st Century Broadband (current).
		Inquiry into broadcasting (2000).	House of Representatives standing committee on communications inquiry into international mobile roaming (current).
			Crawford review of Australian Sport, including the impact of anti-siphoning restrictions on sporting organisations (current).
			Senate inquiry into the reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media (current).

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Information media and telecommunications (continued)			House of Representatives standing committee on communications, information, technology and the arts inquiry into community broadcasting (2007).
			Department of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy review of universal service obligations (2007).
			Sport on Television: A review of the anti-siphoning scheme in the contemporary digital environment (current).
Education and training	A workplan for further reforms to vocational education and training (VET), including developing models for a national regulatory body for VET. Development of a comprehensive national International Student Strategy.		Bradley review into Australian higher education (2008).
			Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations inquiry into Schools Assistance Bill 2008 & the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 (2008). Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee inquiry into Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 (current).

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Education and training (continued)			<p>Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee inquiry into the welfare of international students (current).</p> <p>National numeracy review report (2008).</p> <p>DEEWR review of future directions for quality oversight of tertiary education services in Australia (current).</p> <p>PhillipsKPA evaluation of the Educational Services for Overseas Student Act 2000 (2005).</p> <p>Baird Review into the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (current).</p> <p>KPMG review of university reporting requirements (current).</p> <p>Escalier Consulting Review of the currency and effectiveness of the National Group Training Standards (current).</p> <p>House of Representatives standing committee on Industry, Science and Innovation inquiry into research training and research workforce issues in Australian Universities (2008).</p>

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Health care and social assistance	<p>A national registration and accreditation scheme for the health professions.</p> <p>Development of a national quality agenda for early childhood education and care.</p> <p>National action plan for mental health 2006-2011.</p> <p>A jointly governed unified national system to replace current licensing and quality assurance processes for early childhood education and care.</p> <p>Establishment of a national health workforce taskforce (2006).</p>	<p>Commissioned study into general practice compliance costs (2006).</p> <p>Commissioned study into the performance of private and public hospitals (current).</p> <p>Commissioned study into the health workforce (2006).</p>	<p>National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission report (current).</p> <p>Senate community affairs committee inquiry into mental health services in Australia (2008).</p> <p>Senate select committee inquiry mental health (2005).</p> <p>Review of the approach to setting national standards and assuring the quality of care in Australian childcare services (2006).</p> <p>Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations inquiry into the provision of childcare (current)</p> <p>Australian Public Service Commission report on reducing red tape in the Australian Public Service (2007).</p>
Public administration and safety			
Generic Issues			
OHS	<p>Proposed national consistency in occupational health and safety (OHS) laws by mid 2012.</p>	<p>Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation – OHS (current).</p> <p>Inquiry into national worker's compensation and OHS frameworks (2004).</p>	<p>Workplace Relations Ministerial Council review into model OHS laws (current).</p>

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Mutual recognition		Commissioned study into mutual recognition schemes (2003 and 2009).	
Business regulation and taxation	A national system of registration for Australian Business Numbers and business names. Standard Business Reporting (see appendix B).	Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation – quantity and quality and cost of business registration (2008).	Henry review of Australia's tax system (current).
Environmental regulation	A plan for achieving the national mandatory renewable energy target is due by 2009. A National Partnership on Energy Efficiency, which aims to deliver a nationally-consistent and cooperative approach to energy efficiency.	Submission to the Garnaut climate change review (2008). Inquiry into the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency (2005).	Board of Taxation study of small business tax compliance costs (2007). Report of the Regulation Taskforce on reducing regulatory burdens on business (2006). Senate select committee inquiry into fuel and energy (current). Garnaut climate change review (2008). Wilkins review of climate change policies (2008). Review of National Pollution Inventory (2005). Hawke Review of the EBPC Act (current).

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Other	Establishment of a new consumer policy framework.	Commissioned study into public support for science and innovation (2007). Inquiry into Australia's Consumer Policy Framework (2005). Inquiry into National Competition Policy arrangements (2005).	ANAO audit of the Australian Research Council's management of research grants (2006). DITR review into the national innovation system (2008).

a This is not an exhaustive list of reviews undertaken by Australian governments and associated agencies, it contains a selection of current, recent and announced reviews relevant to the social and economic infrastructure services sectors.