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Commercial Solarium Operators

**Voluntary Standards** | **Compliance Regulation** | **Banning**

Increased safety provisions

2002 - Self regulation - Australian New Zealand Standard updated
2008 - Compliance regulation introduced
2014 - First state wide ban of commercial solariums
Motivation for Regulation

• In 2007, Clare Oliver, brought the issue of solariums to the attention of many Australians. She had weeks to live.

• In 2007 Victoria, the State Health Minister announced that the solarium industry would be regulated.

• In 2008 Victoria introduces interim regulation.

• States and Territories develop regulatory impact statements to demonstrate the cost versus benefits of introducing licencing and increased safety provisions (age and skin type).

• In 2009, ARPANSA introduces a uniform approach to compliance and monitoring.

When Radiation Safety Acts changed
2008 Victoria
2008 South Australia
2008 Western Australia
2009 Queensland
2009 New South Wales
2009 Tasmania
2009 Northern Territory
2010 Australian Capital Territory
Move to Banning

• Based on growing evidence there was a need to further strengthen regulations.

• Health Ministers from States and Territories work together to introduce Bans by 31 December 2014.

• Based on regulatory impact statements demonstrating a cost versus benefit outcome.

• Jurisdictions offer a disposal assistance package of up to $2,000 for each unit with mentoring to help them transition away from commercial tanning.

When Bans were introduced
2014 Victoria
2014 South Australia
2016 Western Australia
2014 Queensland
2014 New South Wales
2014 Tasmania
------ Northern Territory
2014 Australian Capital Territory
Today

• Commercial solarium operations are banned.

• Private ownership and personal use remain legal in all states and territories.

• Focus on compliance with raids occurring on illegal operators working from homes in Victoria and South Australia.

• Working with social media to reduce support for underground operators and sales.

• Some states have called for a ban on importation of solaria and associated hardware.

• ARPANSA strongly advises all Australians against the use of personal sunbeds at home.
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