

Summary of submissions

***SAFE WORK INSTRUMENT
TO SPECIFY A STANDARD
FOR LPG REGULATORS***

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Background

This is a summary of submissions on the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances – Specification of Standard for Valve Inlet Connections of LPG Regulators) Safe Work Instrument (the SWI).

The SWI specifies Standards Australia Amendment No. 1 to *AS 4627:2017 Quick-connect devices for gas (AS 4627:2017 Amd 1:2020)* for the purposes of regulation 15.33(2)(d) of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 (the Regulations).

WorkSafe New Zealand consulted on the proposed SWI between 30 May to 27 June 2023. The SWI commences on 25 September 2023, and is published on our website.

Consultation

WorkSafe consulted on the proposed SWI with our social partners (Business NZ and the Council of Trade Unions), relevant stakeholders in the gas fitting industry, and WorkSafe's Hazardous Substances Database (over 14,000 stakeholders). The draft SWI was also available to the public on our website.

WorkSafe received four submissions on the SWI proposal from PCBUs and industry bodies. The summary below outlines the submissions and resulting changes to the SWI.

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There were submissions of general support for this SWI, and the commercial benefits it creates, which are not detailed in this summary.

SUBMISSION	WORKSAFE RESPONSE
It would be useful if the Type 27 valve could be fitted to 45kg cylinders to improve ease of connection.	Type 27 valve inlet connections are intended for 9kg cylinders, and valves for larger cylinders are outside the scope of this SWI.
Feedback relating to regulations 15.37, which sets requirements for compliance certificates for certain fittings, and 15.46(1)(b), which sets marking requirements.	The requirements of regulations 15.37 and 15.46 are outside of the scope of this SWI. We will note the issues raised for consideration in any future review of the Regulations.

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