

# National Licensing System (NLS)



**National Plumbing Regulators Forum  
Industry Day**

**12 November 2009**





## Outline of COAG decision of 3 July 2008

- Acknowledged that Australia's overlapping and inconsistent regulations impede productivity
- Commitment to a seamless economy
- National Licensing System (NLS) one of 27 Regulatory Reform priorities
  - NLS currently on track



# NLS Occupational Areas

- First wave – by July 2012
  - Refrigeration mechanics and air conditioning
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing and gasfitting
  - Property Agents (excluding conveyancers & valuers)
- Second Wave – after July 2013
  - Building and building related occupations
  - Land Transport (passenger vehicle drivers and dangerous goods only)
  - Maritime
  - Conveyancers & valuers



# National Legislation

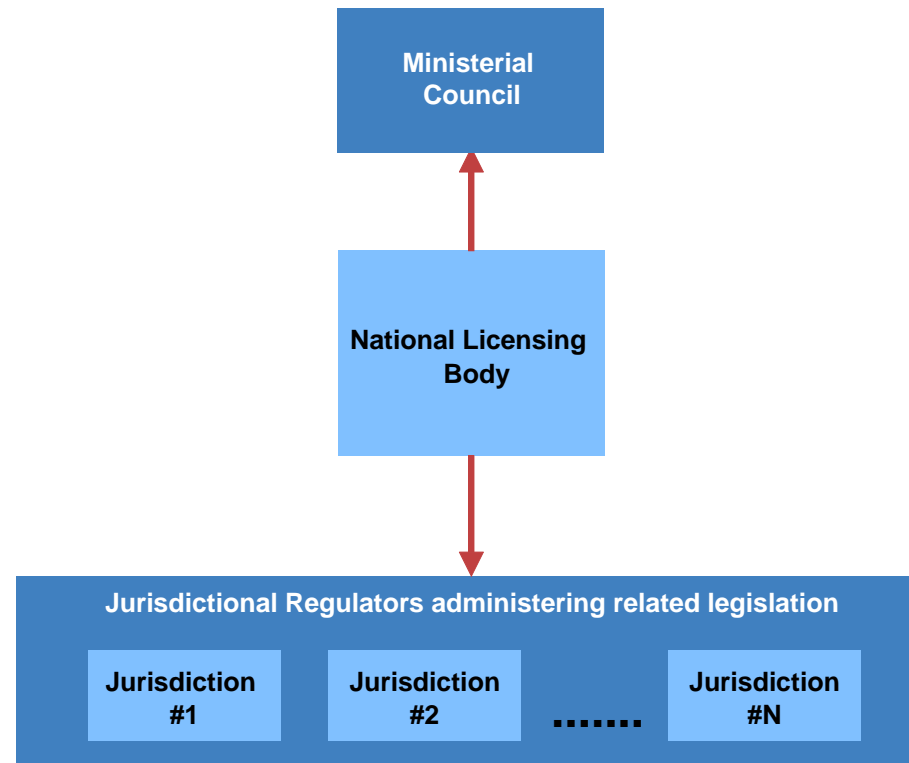
- Victoria will host national legislation
- Other jurisdictions will adopt this legislation to create the national system
  - Amendments passed in Victoria will apply nationally
- There will be a three tier system
  1. National Legislation – with powers to make regulations
  2. Generic Regulations – elements which are common to all licences (eg licence duration, public elements of the national register)
  3. Occupation Specific Regulations – containing licensing requirements specific to an occupation





# NLS Implementation Model

## Delegated Agency Model



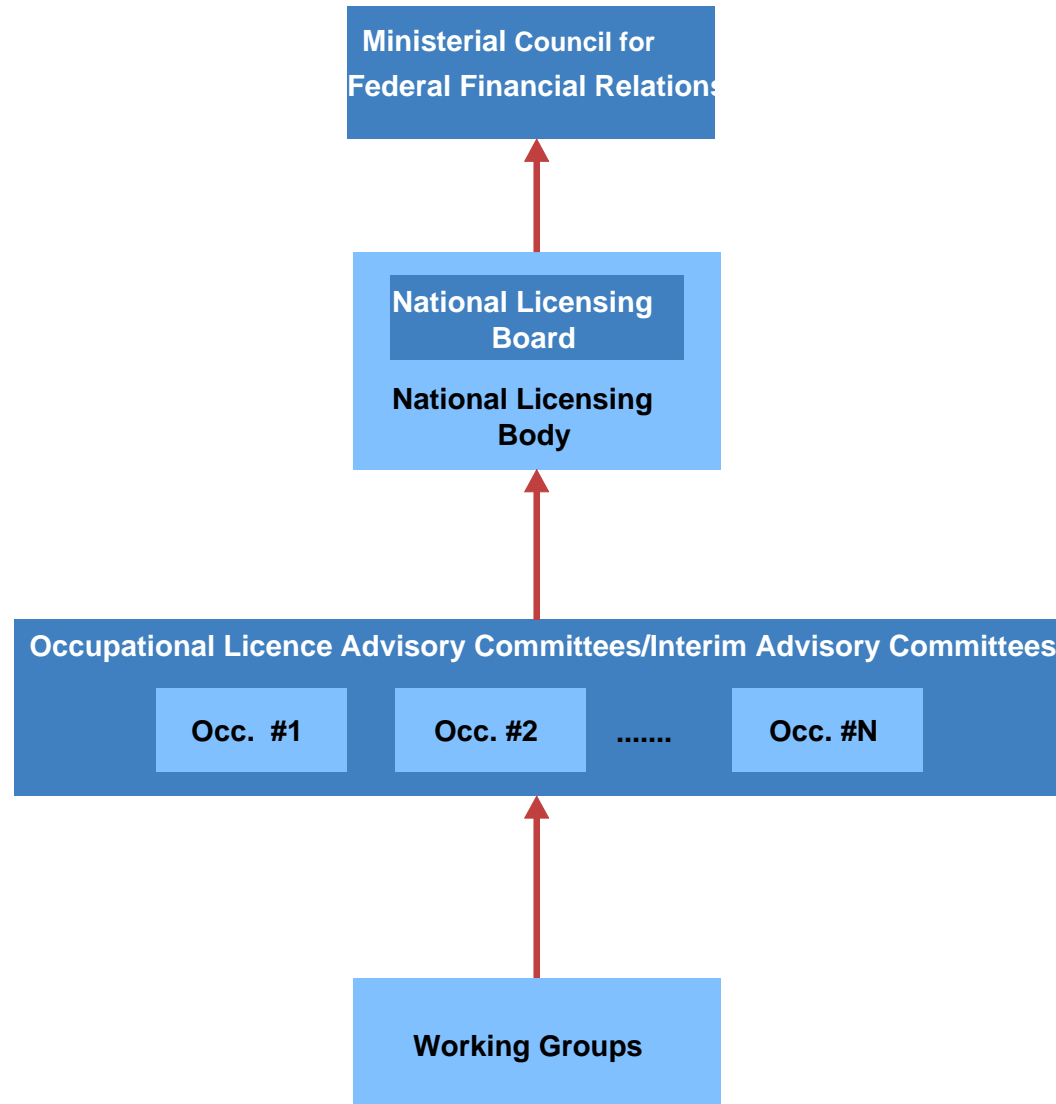


## Objectives and Principles

- Now give an equivalent focus on
  - consumer protection
  - public and worker safety
- Skill eligibility requirements for a licence will be based on national Training Packages –
  - NLS will have input into TP development – no duplication of effort



# Governance Arrangement





# Stakeholder Involvement – Interim Advisory Committees (IACs)

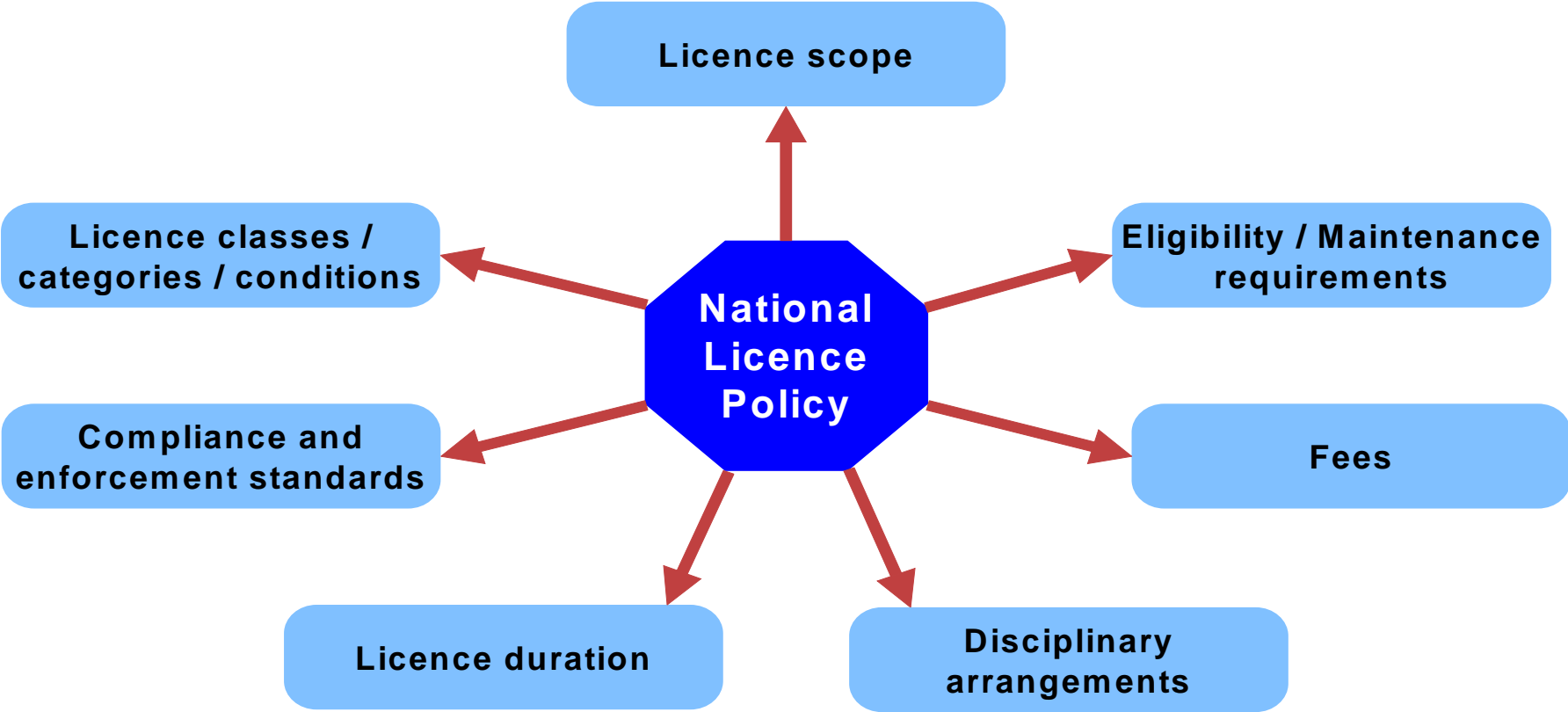
- IACs are the primary source of advice for licence policy
  - Membership balances regulation, employer and employee perspectives, safety, consumer, advocacy, insurance (where relevant) and training
  - They will develop licence types and classes for each occupational area (to be finalised in 2010-11)

# Plumbing & Gasfitting Occupations Interim Advisory Committee

- **Dr David Cousins - Chair**
- **Mr John Furbank** - Consumers' Federation of Australia
- **Mr Doug McCluskey** - Australian Council of Trade Unions
- **Mr Earl Seches** - Australian Council of Trade Unions
- **Mr Steve Reynolds** - LPG Australia
- **Mr Ken Gardner** - Master Plumbers & Mechanical Services Assn of Australia
- **Mr Paul Naylor** - Master Plumbers Association of NSW
- **Mr Stephen Movley** - The Institute of Plumbing Australia
- **Mr Michael McGuinness** - Building Codes Queensland
- **Mr Peter Day** – South Australian Water Corporation
- **Mr Alan Humphreys** - Department of Justice Tasmania
- **Mr Shayne La Combre** - Plumbing Industry Commission Victoria
- **Mr Stephen Matheson** - Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation Queensland
- **Mr David Magee** - Construction & Property Services Industry Skills Council



# Licence Policy Development





# National Licensing Register

- National register will record all licences issued under the NLS and will be available to all jurisdictions
- A subset of this information (yet to be determined) will be publicly accessible
- Privacy arrangements for publicly accessible information will be developed in consultation with stakeholders



## Where we've got to in 2009

- National peak body industry workshop in April 2009
- Jurisdictional regulators' workshops Feb, May and June 2009
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)
  - Signed by COAG 30 April 2009
- Decision Regulation Impact Statement (RIS)
  - Agreed by COAG 30 April 2009
- IGA and RIS posted on COAG website



## Where we've got to in 2009

- Interim Advisory Committees agreed by the Ministerial Council in October
- Nov 2009 [hopefully today] - Draft bill to be circulated for public comment.
  - Submissions due by end December.



# National Legislation Public Comment & Public Information Sessions

Wed 25 November	Fri 27 November	Mon 30 November	Tues 1 December
<b>PERTH</b> 1:00pm – 4:00pm Novotel Riverside Ballroom 221 Adelaide Terrace	<b>DARWIN</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm Mantra Pandanas Kali Room 43 Knuckey St	<b>CANBERRA</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm The Marque Hotel Menzies Room 102 Northbourne Ave	<b>BRISBANE</b> 11:30am – 2:30pm Chifley at Lennox George Room Queen St
Wed 2 December	Thurs 3 December	Mon 7 December	Tues 8 December
<b>ADELAIDE</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm Adelaide Convention Centre Meeting Room 1& 2 North Terrace	<b>SYDNEY</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm The Menzies Hotel Melbourne Suites 14 Carrington St	<b>MELBOURNE</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm CQ Melbourne Karstens at CQ Room 1203 123 Queen St	<b>HOBART</b> 9:00am – 12:00pm The Woolstore Theatrette 1 Macquarie St



## Where we are going after 2009

- April 2010 – Draft Bill introduced in ‘host’ jurisdiction - Victoria
- Nov 2010 – Draft Bill passed in all other jurisdictions
- During 2010 - Establish Interim Advisory Committees for second wave occupations
- Jan 2011- National Licensing Body established
- Jul 2012 – NLS commences with first wave occupations
- By Jul 2013 - Second wave occupations included



# Updates

Look for updates on the National Licensing website:



[www.govdex.gov.au /confluence/display/COAGNL/Home](http://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/COAGNL/Home)

