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The Resource Management Act (RMA) is one of three key pieces of legislation that direct how hazardous substances are managed in New Zealand. After 26 years, the RMA is being reformed, which will mean more efficient processes for councils and those dealing with hazardous substances.

The Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (RLAA) represents the Government’s second phase of reform of the RMA. The reform contains nearly 40 amendments and revisions to five different Acts. It is the most comprehensive package of reforms to the RMA since its establishment in 1991.

Executive Director of the LPG Association of New Zealand, Peter Gilbert, agrees that continuing with joint Standards with Standards Australia for gas and LPG makes sense. However, the funding of the commissioning fees. These fees can be co-committed to the commissioning of the project and the other holds the Secretariat. The projects require a party who can commit to the commissioning and reviewing of Standards. She says the two Standards organisations have agreed to share costs for the commissioning and reviewing of Standards. "It makes sense for government and industry from both countries to work together wherever possible to develop joint Standards for the mutual benefit of both our economies," she said.

Executive Director of the LPG Association of New Zealand, Peter Gilbert, says the reform of the RMA is hugely significant. "The benefits and challenges of a joint trans-Tasman Standard will make our work much easier and more efficient," he said.

Manager of Standards New Zealand, Carmen Mak, says the reform of the RMA reform simplifies hazardous substance controls. "As Australia and New Zealand have similar government and industry processes, it makes sense to create joint trans-Tasman Tasman Standard.

Anne Hagan, Executive Director of Standards New Zealand, said that the reform of the RMA is a major milestone for the country.

"It simplifies hazardous substance controls, making it easier for businesses to manage the risks associated with hazardous substances. The reform is also significant for the environment, as it will help reduce the risk of accidents and environmental impacts," she said.

"It’s important that all businesses are aware of the changes and how they will affect them. We will work with businesses to ensure they are aware of the new requirements and how to comply with them. The reform is also an opportunity to improve the efficiency of the RMA, reducing the costs and delays associated with hazardous substance controls. We are committed to working in partnership and continuing to promote the harmonisation of Standards across the Tasman.

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