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Dear Emily

I would like to add comment to question 8 of the consultation document in respect to issues that might have been missed.

As documented 150million CFL's have been handed out through a number of well meaning Carbon reduction schemes under CERT. I have been working with the above Company in developing a business strategy to promote the more energy efficient Light emitting diode alternative to CFL's that deliver up to 75% less energy usage with 5 and up to 10 times the life span equating to far smaller CO2 footprint reducing energy use in priority groups.

Due to my involvement with this organisation and growing understanding of the issues surrounding CFL's I have felt bound to comment on the total lack of information that has been forwarded with the product and in particular the lack of relevant Safety information on the handling of product in the event of breakage or and disposal as well as the potential liability for this lack of diligence.

After speaking at length to a number of the organisations responsible for the distribution of the CFL's it was slightly more alarming the fact that none of the respondents seemed aware of the issues surrounding handling disposal and use of CFL's or the WEEE directive.

As an energy analyst it comes as slightly depressing that a potential hazard has been created through the best of intentions as well as the resistance to better and more efficient proven technologies because of business model requirement.

A strategy could be implemented to replace the hazardous CFL's with LED's with all of the associated benefits, reducing the number of CFL'S that will end up in land fill and reducing the breakage and potential hazard of mercury inhalation in the home due to non compliance of hazardous waste disposal and vacuum bag recirculation hazard phenomena

Yours Truly

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