



## Consultation on managing noxious emissions from non-road diesel engines

The Australian Department of Health and Aged Care recently sought feedback on the *Non-Road Diesel Engines: Noxious Emission Standards Impact Analysis – May 2023*.

Cancer Council provided a submission supporting the action by the Australian Government to regulate non-road diesel engines (NRDE) and implement best practice emission standards. Our submission highlighted the following:

- Exposure to diesel engine exhaust (DEE), a carcinogen that causes lung and bladder cancer based on best available evidence, should be eliminated where possible or reduced to as low as reasonably practicable to protect workers and people in the broader community and minimise their risk of developing DEE-related lung disease.
- Government regulation and implementing best-practice emission standards for non-road diesel engines are the most appropriate and critical approaches. However, we do not believe that the uptake of horizon technology will be sufficient to remove the need for new non-road diesel engines and equipment across all sectors.
- Cancer Council supports the long-term goal of eliminating the introduction of new NRDE and equipment into Australia and replacing all existing non-road diesel engines with cleaner technology, as this would reduce the exposure to DEE.

Further information on the analysis can be found at the consultation [webpage](#).