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**NEW AUSTRALIAN STANDARD TO ASSIST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS**

Standards Australia has completed work on the first Australian Standard dealing explicitly with the management of risks associated with climate change for communities and infrastructure.

“This voluntary standard is about appropriate risk management for climate change,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

The Australian Standard will provide principles and guidelines on the identification and management of risks that communities and infrastructure face from climate change.

It will provide a systematic approach to planning the adaptation of communities and infrastructure based on the risk management process. The standard follows the International Standard ISO 31000:2009 *Risk management – Principles and guidelines.*

“The principles on which the standard is based recognise that climate change risk management needs to be an integral part of decision-making and based on the best information available.”

Standards Australia recognises the support of the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. The following bodies and agencies in developing the standard:

- Commonwealth Attorney General’s Department
- Australian Green Infrastructure Council
- Australian Institute of Architects
- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects
- Australian Local Government Association
- Australian Railway Association
- Australian Sustainability Built Environment Council
- Austroads
- Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
- Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development
- Energy Networks Australia
- Engineers Australia
- Housing Industry Association
- Insurance Council of Australia
- National Seachange Taskforce
- Planning Institute of Australia
- Property Council of Australia

- Water Services Association of Australia

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