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THE FUTURE OF SMART GRIDS: EXPERTS CONVENE

Industry leaders in Smart Grid technology will today convene as part of a forum hosted by Standards Australia. The gathering will coincide with the 75th General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in Melbourne.

“Smart Grids use technology to improve the economic and energy efficiency of the electricity networks and improve sustainability outcomes,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive, Standards Australia.

Mr Blair said the development of Smart Grid standards will play a critical role in providing the framework for a more energy efficient and sustainable future for cities and centres.

“Energy consumers, such as businesses and households, are increasingly interested in ways to measure and moderate their energy usage, which will only result in more demand for sustainable energy grids,” Mr Blair said.

The forum will feature guest panellists:

Dr George Arnold

National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
Smart Grid Initiatives and the Role of Standards in the United States

Mr Tom Barry

Manager – Smart Grid Initiative
Department of Resources Energy and Tourism
Smart-Grid, Smart-City - Newcastle Project

Mr Richard Schomberg

Chair of IEC Smart Grid Strategic Group
International Electrotechnical Commission
Smart Grid International Standards Development Work

Mr Mark McKenzie

Managing Director
RARE Consulting
Australian Smart Grids Standards Roadmap Update

“There’s high motivation across industry and government to ensure that Australia harnesses the full potential of Smart Grids as a means to achieve a more efficient energy grid,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

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