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Australia leads work bringing innovation to APEC's silver economy

Recently Standards Australia and the Australian Government - Department of Industry, Innovation and Science presented at the APEC Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC) on the [APEC Silver Economy Workshop and Recommendations Report](#).

We are pleased to advise that APEC SCSC endorsed **all** four key recommendations:

1. Recommendation One - APEC should accelerate and mainstream efforts in supporting ageing societies.
2. Recommendation Two - APEC SCSC should develop a 3-5 year Standardization and Innovation Roadmap to identify gaps, priorities and actions (at the member economy and regional level) to chart the way forward.
3. Recommendation Three - APEC should commit more funding and resources to support silver economy initiatives that harmonize standards and conformity assessment procedures, foster innovation, disseminate knowledge and promote good regulatory practices.
4. Recommendation Four - Develop a Standards Information Portal within APEC's website to promote standardisation activities, exchanges of information, research and sharing of resources to support the silver economy opportunity.

Based on the APEC member economies' feedback, Australia plans to submit a Concept Note in 2018 to take forward the recommendations.

Proposed New Field of International Technical Activity - Ageing Societies

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has circulated a proposal for a new ISO Technical Committee (TC) on ageing societies.

If approved, the new technical committee will develop standards and related documents with the main aim of promoting lifelong support and quality of life in ageing populations.

Australian stakeholders can provide their position on the ISO proposal for this new field of technical activity until **Tuesday 10 October 2017**. Learn more through the [proposal form](#).

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