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Standards Australia welcomes new Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

Standards Australia has welcomed the appointment of The Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP as the new Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs.

Mr John Tucker, CEO of Standards Australia, said Dr Emerson's continuation as Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy and Minister Assisting the Finance Minister on Deregulation is also welcomed.

"Dr Emerson has played a significant role in cutting red tape and other regulatory hurdles for small business and will now be able to bring his considerable skills to the very important policy areas of Competition and Consumer Affairs," Mr Tucker said.

"These are two areas in which Standards Australia has a keen interest and where robust and rigorous Standards play a significant role.

"In the area of consumer affairs, Standards for the manufacture of toys and other consumer goods set important safety, performance and reliability benchmarks.

"In competition policy, Standards have an important role in helping cut red tape and reducing the regulatory burden," Mr Tucker said.

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