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Standards Australia's Chief Executive Officer

The Chairman of the Board of Standards Australia Ltd, John Castles AM, today announced that by mutual agreement, Chief Executive Officer John Tucker will not take up a further contract with the organisation at the end of his current term.

Mr Castles commented: "John Tucker has been Chief Executive Officer of Standards Australia for five years and he has successfully led the organisation through a period of significant change following the 2003 sale and float of the organisation's former commercial activities.

"John is to be congratulated for the significant achievements of Standards Australia under his leadership which include new, robust operational structures and innovative business models for the efficient development of Standards in Australia.

"John has recognised the importance of international harmonisation of Standards in the global economy. He actively led greater involvement by Standards Australia in International Standards activities, as demonstrated by the decision to host the International Electrotechnology Commission (IEC) General Meeting in Australia in 2011 and by Australia holding the current Presidency of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)."

Mr Tucker said: "As Standards Australia enters an era of integration and consolidation, I'm proud to have served Members and contributors over the past five years. It has been most rewarding to have worked with the Board and management to implement a range of fundamental and necessary reforms."

John Tucker will stand down at the end of the year. Deputy CEO Colin Blair will take over as Acting CEO to ensure a smooth transition.

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