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Standards Australia: Accreditation and coordination roles to be integrated

Standards Australia's CEO, Mr John Tucker, today outlined arrangements to integrate the organisation's accreditation and coordination functions into Standards Australia's core operations team.

The arrangements will see the secretariat function of the Accreditation Board for Standards Development Organisations (ABSDO) transferred to Standards Australia's Relationship Management team. The National Standards Office (NSO) will also join with various teams within the operations unit.

Mr Tucker said while the secretariat functions required to deliver accreditation services to organisations seeking to develop Australian Standards will transfer to Standards Australia's Relationship Management team, ABSDO will maintain its independence on accreditation matters through the ABSDO Board reporting directly to the Council of Standards Australia.

"The responsibilities of the NSO will also be integrated into a more streamlined organisational structure with closer links to various teams, such as the Project Office and International Secretariat, within the operations unit," said Mr Tucker.

Mr Tucker, on behalf of the Chairman and the Board of Standards Australia, said both Peter Engel, Executive Manager of ABSDO, and Susan Streeeter, Executive Manager of the NSO, have been integral in establishing Standards Australia's accreditation and coordination functions and I thank them for their contribution.

Standards Australia will continue to coordinate standardisation activities for Australia, continue to accredit other organisations to develop Australian Standards through ABSDO, and continues to promote excellence in design and innovation through the Australian International Design Awards.

The primary focus of Standards Australia remains on Standards development activities that deliver Net Benefit to Australia.

With the transfer of ABSDO secretariat functions to Standards Australia's relationship management team, Standards Australia's Canberra office will close in late November 2009.

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